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Literature as a Means to Intelligent Study of Missions.

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INFORMATION concerning missions may be obtained in three different ways: by visiting the mission fields, by hearing those tell their experiences who have been there, and by reading what has been written. The first method is possible only for the few, the second is not always under our control, but the third is open to all who can read. This is the best age in the world's history in which to study missions through the printed page, for never since the Bible record was completed has there been so much, or such excellent literature written on that subject.

When our Saviour gave his parting blessing in the words "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and in the uttermost part of the earth," the disciples delayed only ten days, while they were praying for the descent of the Holy Spirit, and then started out on their world-wide mission; from Jerusalem to Judea, from Samaria to the uttermost part of the earth, one generation followed another until the Gospel had been carried into all the then known nations. From that time until today missionary activity has never utterly ceased, although it has proceeded with varying effort and success. But of all great missionary movements, none but the first has surpassed that in which we are living—the one which began one hundred years ago and has gone on with ever-increasing energy and enthusiasm for the salvation of the world, until in our own day the motto has been adopted "The world for Christ in this generation." The achievements of this movement surpass in interest and importance those made in any other line of action, even in this most progressive age of the world's history.

The literature of missions is the record of the world which is nearest and dearest to the loving heart of our Redeemer, the work which is done in His name, for those for whom He lived the life on earth and died that cruel death. According as we love Him will our interest in His work be quickened. She is not a true wife who fails to encourage her husband in his life-work, no matter how menial it may be; nor is she a faithful sister who shows no interest in whatever vocation her brother may follow; no more can one be a true Christian and have no

zeal for the cause for which Christ shed his blood. We read the history of past ages and revel in its romance; but missions are *making* history which is changing the very map of the world. We read biography for the inspiration which a heroic life may give us to nobler living, but the pioneer missionary, who is probably the advance guard of civilization, is a revelation of the strongest and noblest elements in man's character. We read fiction; "truth is stranger than fiction" and the strangest of all truth is that which is to us unknown.

There is no better method of using literature than the systematic mission study in classes formed for this purpose. The text book chosen is always one of the best; a definite subject is kept before the student, and the rehearsing of the portions assigned during the hour for meeting and the interchange of thought are very beneficial. But the book can not contain all that should be learned and the hour is all too short for much outside information to be contributed. A course of reading along the line selected is almost indispensable.

The earnest student of missions will subscribe for missionary periodicals and read them carefully; she will have a missionary library of her own and read in addition to this the books purchased by the society to which she belongs. She will have her eyes open for items of information in the secular and religous newspapers and magazines, and by this means she will be able to make many a valuable contribution to conversation and discussion.

It is scarcely necessary to mention here the necessity of reading the Women's Missionary Magazine, as the organ of one's own church and society is considered the most important of all helps. There are other excellent missionary magazines, which are not published for any particular church; but of these the best is "The Missionary Review of the World" edited by Dr. A. T. Pierson. It contains the most helpful articles on missionary enterprise in all churches and in every region of the world and ought to be in every society, if it cannot be in every home.

In order to study any country intelligently it is necessary to have some familiarity with the country itself, the climate, natural resources, physical features, its history, and its relations to surrounding provinces; also with the people, their racial characteristics, their state of civilization, and the advantages they have already enjoyed. Such books as "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom" for Japan, "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang" for China, "Daybreak in the Dark Continent" for Africa, "Protestant Missions in South America", "The Christian Conquest of India" and "The New Era in the Philippines" are excellent supplements to the required studies and are all written in such a manner as to induce the greatest interest. Then there are the biographies of the pioneer missionaries—of Robert Moffat in South Africa and his illustrious son-in-law, David Livingstone, in Central Africa, of John G. Paton in the New Hebrides, of William Carey, in India, Dr. Kenneth McKenzie, in China, in addition to those of our own missionaries with which we should all be familiar. These are only a few by way of suggestion, out of the scores of volumes which have been written with the very heart-blood of men and women whose lives are devoted to the service of humanity.

It may be objected that busy people like us have no time for so much reading. Each thinks that no one else can realize just what a busy life she lives, or how important her work is. Some may not believe it, but it is true that every one has time for that which she really wants to do —not everything she would like to do, but that which she deems most important. In each life there are some moments which are spent according to our judgement; and apart from God's own Word there is no literature which will more amply repay the effort made to

read it. All things are possible to him who wills. A most sucessful teacher of a class of young men in one of our own Sabbath Schools was one of the busiest women. On Sabbath afternoon she would map out her plan for the next lesson, then keep her Bible and note book and pencil in the kitchen, thinking it all over as she worked and jotting down a thought, or looking up a reference, in the odd minutes when she could sit down. A busy doctor who had to spend much time in her carriage or on the cars in a large city studied all of Shakespeare's plays and many other pieces of standard literature on the way to and from the homes of her patients. It is said of Joseph Cook that while waiting for meals in a boarding house as the other young men stood chaffing each other he would turn to the big dictionary that stood in the corner and look up the derivation and synonyms of a word.

Mission work is going on and working like leaven in the life of humanity. Those who have helped it on have written the story, and ours is the opportunity of making it our own. The mere hurried reading of the Mission Study assignment —good so far as it goes— cannot advance our knowledge very rapidly; it must be supplemented by the books, magazines, and leaflets that treat each phase of the subject in some detail. No one should rest satisfied nor consider her knowledge sufficient unless she is putting forth some effort to keep up with this magnificent enterprise.

Value and Use of Different Varieties of Missionary Literature.

By Mrs. John Heslip, Rochester, N. Y.

This is the great age of missionary progress and enlightenment, yet it is no unusual thing to find a Christian home that has in it not one pamphlet, or periodical or book upon missions, although the tables are piled high with current magazines, and the book-cases are well filled with the best secular literature.

Is it any wonder that inmates of such a home feel only a luke-warm interest in missionary work, and find it hard to contribute a little for it? If some great company were now to undertake a legitimate business enterprise which would bring about the greatest results and largest profits of the century, how eagerly we would all seek for a share in it, however small. How quickly we would search papers and magazines each morning for an account of its operations; and how proudly we would read of the achievements, glorying in the fact that we had a share in it all.

Yet the Christian church to day is engaged in the most stupendous undertaking of the ages.—the effort to evangelize the world. Every dollar invested in this enterprise brings incalcuable returns, and best of all, the dividends are declared for all eternity. The banker reads the financial journals; the doctor his medical magazines; the electrician his scientific papers; let Christians not lag behind in the zeal and interest with which they seek expert information upon the affairs pertaining to their own great work,—that of carrying the gospel message to all the world.

Text Books.

If one can have but a few books on missions it is often difficult to select wisely. In such cases the purchaser will make no mistake if he selects good text-books on the mission work in various countries. A well prepared text-book has two decided advantages: it is concise and definite, and it is comprehensive. It is very important for the reader to get definite classified information, that it may make a strong and lasting impression upon the mind.

Suppose we tried to teach our children geography without map or system; or to teach them history only by sending them to a half-dozen authors, each dealing with a different phase of the subject: would not the result be hopeless con-

fusion and vague impressions? Why should we expect different results when we seek to gain an understanding of missions from desultory reading before we have the map of the country and the fundamental plan of the work well fixed in our minds? He who has mastered one good text-book on a subject can read widely with profit, because he then understands the value to be placed on newly acquired facts, and their relations to the underlying plan of things.

The text-book gives much more than the mere plan of mission work. It furnishes a brief account of its geography, and a glimpse of the characteristics and environments of the people. All this is particularly valuable from the fact that it is concise, and thus becomes available for many who could not get time for more extended reading on these subjects in large books.

From the text-book too, one gains a comprehensive view of the work in any land, a fact which is most important. We sometimes belittle, or, on the contrary, exaggerate the importance of our denominational work in comparison with that done by other churches, and more often, perhaps, we know nothing of foreign or home mission work except as it is carried on by our own denomination. In this twentieth century it is time for all Christians to lay aside these petty views and survey the whole broad mission field as operated by the many Christian denominations in the world. The command is to "preach the gospel to every creature", and no Church can accomplish this alone. All must work with the best that is in them, and this can be done only when each feels an intelligent and sympathetic interest in the work of the others. The very title "text-book" suggests that it is to be studied, not merely read. To any one who uses it faithfully for study it will inevitably yield rich and gratifying results.

Biography.

But the text-book, valuable as it, does not always awaken a keen, living interest in the Christian work of heathen lands. To get at the very heart of missionary work—to feel its every throb, to share intimately all its griefs, its joys, and its triumphs, one must read biography. One may read statements of conditions in heathen lands without receiving any lasting impressions; he may read of the hardships and perils of missionary life without more than a passing pang; and he may even read accounts of the triumphs of the gospel in benighted lands without any particular sensation of joy; but let him read the biography of John Paton, James Chalmers, or David Livingstone and keep his heart from thrills of pain or joy if he can. In a good biography the reader is led so to identify himself with the hero that he enters into all his life and work and makes his interests his own.

A woman in New England was much opposed to foreign missionary work and refused to contribute anything for it. One day a friend succeeded in persuading her to take a copy of John Paton's Life to read. A week later she returned the volumes saying: "I can never thank you enough for putting those books into my hands. At first I was very much disgusted with Mr. Paton for risking his life among such people, but in spite of my prejudice he made me love them because he did so himself. It was all so real that once I found myself on my knees praying for one of the worst of the natives as if I had known him personally; now I shall keep on praying and working for them all. Why didn't some one give me such a book long ago?"

The biography of a great missionary is a scathing rebuke to selfishness, slothfulness and weak faith in the Master's work. These short-comings have no place in the missionary's life; every page of his biography convicts and shames us, and spurs us to more earnest prayer and effort. Mr. Chalmer's biographer tells us that for some time the students at the training school on

Rarotonga were so needy that it touched the heart of their teacher and he gave them every penny of his small income save what he was compelled to use for necessities. And we, forsooth, grumble if we give enough to mission work so that it curtails a few of our pleasures.

After all, the great inspiration of these biographies lies in their record of faith triumphant. Where in all history is there a parallel to the courage and achievements of our greatest missionaries? Often alone, seldom with a company of more than three or four, including their heroic wives, they have gone unarmed among barbarous people, who indulged in cannibalism or in atrocities and orgies too vile and horrible for description. With a faith that ought to stir the blood of every one who reads these biographies, the missionaries have gone in and out among these people, trusting in God, and regarding neither dangers nor obstacles, although to others these would have seemed insurmountable. And so at last they have brought these vile savages to a state of civilized existence and a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Periodicals.

Both text-books and biographies must of necessity close their accounts at some fixed date, and for events of the immediate present in mission work we must always depend upon magazines and papers. The United Presbyterian women are peculiarly fortunate in the fact that their own missionary organization publishes a magazine, whose merit is so evident and so widely recognized. Is it not a matter of deep regret that it is not in every United Presbyterian home?

There is a woman in New York state who devotes much time to the promotion of interest in missionary work, and frequently makes public speeches for that purpose. She is not a United Presbyterian, but she said some time ago that most of the material which she used (in an excellent address,) was obtained from The Women's Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian church. She further stated that she tried to read it each month, as she found it invaluable. Should not such a tribute from a worker in another denomination make us appreciate more deeply what the editors of our magazine are doing for us? Yet a large proportion of our women,—yes, even many who are members of our missionary societies,—never see the magazine at all. It is a distinct loss to them, and a misfortune to us all, for the greater the number of subscriptions, the better the magazine our editors will be able to publish. If you are not a subscriber, find a way to become one at once, and you will feel more than repaid every month in the year.

Our magazine is broad in its scope and gives as much as possible in regard to the works of other denominations. But its space is necessarily limited, and it is important for all to read a fuller account than can be given in its columns. It is folly to be satisfied merely with the record of work done by our own church; she who knows only that, cannot possibly know it well. There is no better magazine for a wide survey of the field than the *Missionary Review of the World* published by Funk & Wagnalls Company. It is very attractive, well illustrated and ably edited. It not only reports the missionary work of the world, but has illuminating articles on political, social and religious conditions in the East and excellent discussions of missionary problems. Those who desire a fuller account of home mission work will find pleasure and profit in the "Home Mission Monthly" published by the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church. There are scores of missionary magazines published by the various denominations and one who has time for much reading will find most of them interesting.

It is surely worth our effort and sacrifice to secure the best missionary books and periodicals, and read them thoroughly and prayerfully; we cannot afford to be either ignorant or narrow-minded in re-

gard to the greatest work of the twentieth century.

The Missionary Leaflet

How it can be Used to Yield the Largest Return.

The increasing interest in this product of missionary boards has brought to the women of the church the most helpful and stimulating information. Everything relating to the study of all departments of mission work as well as the fields of missionary effort are carefully and attractively related in a few pages, giving to the busy women, or the indifferent observer of missionary operations facts that are helpful to one and may attract the other to a careful perusal and afterward create a desire for more extended reading of mission literature.

Our space will not permit us to do justice to this important method of distributing mission facts. We are pleased to have a few tell us of their interest and endeavor to circulate the leaflet. We trust there may be an increased interest in the leaflet, because of what has already been obtained through the reading of missionary leaflets.

Those who prepare the little messengers, have an experience either on the mission field or through the influence of the labors undertaken by another, and generally write from a heart full of interest and love for the cause represented.

By invitation the following have responded to this symposium.—Eds.

Some Plans for Distribution.

The "traveling leaflet" plan has proved successful in some societies. An attractive case is made, in one side of which are placed two or three good leaflets; in the other side an envelope containing a list of 10 or 15 names, and a note reading somewhat like the following:

"We are leaflets traveling in the interest of mission and therefore invite your perusal.

"Having accepted our invitation please cross your name off the accompanying list and place our value, three cents, in the enclosed envelope. Will you then kindly see that we are placed in the hands of the person whose name appears next on the list, and that the date of the transfer is written opposite your name? As we wish to accomplish our journey in the shortest possible time please do not detain us longer than three days."

The name of the secretary of literature should be the last on the list of names, so the envelope will be returned to her with its contents when it has completed its circuit. The women of the entire congregation may be reached by this plan if several envelopes are sent forth at one time.

Ways suggested for diffusing information:

1 A Missionary Book Club has been started in one society with twelve members and twelve books, which pass from one to the other each month.

2 "The Missionary Reading Circle" where each member is pledged to read missionary literature one half-hour each week.

This plan has a two-fold result: it diffuses missionary information and realizes a small fund for the work of the Literature Secretary.

Mrs. N. L. WALLACE,
Sec. Y. W. Work.

An offer made by the Women's Presbyterian Board for distributing leaflets is the following: "By paying one dollar a year, individuals or societies receive each month from three to five leaflets upon the subject for the following month." The Young Women's Societies of our church would doubtless find a similar plan very helpful.

MARGARET H. MOOREHEAD.

I submit the following for the symposium, "How leaflets can be used to yield the largest returns," and hope that it may be satisfactory.

This plan has been tried with good results: A number of the members' names are pinned upon the leaflet. Then it is

given to the one who heads the list. She reads and hands to the second and this is continued until all have read. This insures the circulation of the leaflet.

GRACE L. ROBERTSON.

We found that to get the best out of leaflets some one must be appointed to keep them in circulation; then we found it heplful to both the society and the reader to hand one member a selected half-dozen to read over and choose one to give as a reading or recitation at a meeting. When we were through with the contest one of our members made pretty wall-paper envelopes that would hold ten each and we loaned our leaflets to a small congregation where they wanted to try a congregation contest.

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"Leaflets can be used to yield largest returns" by realizing the power of inspiring leaflets and our responsibility in passing along knowledge which will mightily quicken other hearts to greater gifts, more diligent service and more earnest prayer, also to always follow the distribution of leaflets with earnest prayer that the reader may become intensely interested in advancing Christ's Kingdom from the reading of a leaflet you have wisely chosen to be read.

AIMEE LAMBIE,

Glenosborne, Pa.

Obtain all the leaflets, possible. treating of some definite subjects. Our study at present is India. Have each girl read all these leaflets if possible. At each regular meeting of the Young Womens' Society. have the story of one or more of these told by the girls.

Mrs. J. FERGUSON.

Buffalo, N. Y.

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1 Have a collection of them: You can then have something from which to make a choice. Have them on a variety of subjects.

2 Have a good reader. A good reader will be *heard.* A good reader will be *understood.* A good reader will by emphasis *bring* out strong points.

3 Read them publicly. Read them in your home society. Read them in your Presbyterial. Read them in the prayer-meeting. A combination of influence, immediate and immeasurable: A good leaflet, a good reader and a good meeting —and results.

SADIE McGREGOR.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Saved By a Word.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery, agent of the American Tract Society told this fact:

A man on a canal boat received a tract, but to show his contempt for the tract and its giver, took out his pen-knife and cut it into fantastic shapes. Then he held it up to the derision of the company. In tearing it apart, one of the pieces clung to his knee. His eyes were attracted by the only word on it, "eternity." He turned it over and there was the word "God." These two words were indelibly impressed upon his mind. He tried to laugh them off; then to drink, to play cards in order to banish them. But they still clung to him and tormented him till he sought pardon of "God" and preparation for "eternity."

Young Women in Missions.

Young Womanhood an Important Factor in Christian Missions.

By Mrs. R. B. McBride. Omaha, Neb.

IT HAS been said that "the coming of the King is to be hastened by the daughters of the King." Ever since Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of the Son of God, woman has occupied an important place in history.

We see her leaving her home and friends, crossing plains and seas, bearing with her the glad tidings of a risen and glorified Lord. To-day more than one-third of the working forces in the foreign fields are women. What a privilege and what a responsibility!

It is well known that the homes of the

foreign lands are the strategic points of conquest, and that they must be won for Jesus ere the countries are taken for Him. This is an added responsibility upon each woman in the homeland. The homes across the seas are securely closed against our consecrated men, so that if the heathen mothers, who, after all, wield a mighty influence in those homes, are to be reached at all, it must be through the women from our home land.

As we look back over the history of missions we see the lady missionaries going in and out of those homes reading their Bibles, praying with the women healing their sick, teaching the girls in the boarding schools, not only to read and write, but to cook and bake and sew and *make home.* Their's is a wonderfully busy life.

As we read "One Hundred Girls of India," we pause and wonder how it would seem to actually know that your life and mine were counting for Jesus as did the lives of those two consecrated young women who were leading those girls. Eternity alone can reveal the result of the influence started in that one school.

So many young women have left their lives stamped indelibly in many lands that we can mention but a few. In this connection we would not under-estimate the work done by brave young women in the home mission fields among the freedmen and with the Indians. Their's, also, are lives of sacrifice and service for the Master.

As we read of such women as Mrs. Gordon and Miss Gordon, our first women to go to India, Mary Moffat, Eliza Agnew in Ceylon, Clara Cushman in China, Rebecca Wakefield in Zanzibar, Judith Grant in Oroomiah and Mary Williams in Riatea, we were amazed at the work which they did.

Can any one measure the worth of the lives of such young women as the mothers of Dr. Schwartz and Dr. Julian Lansing? These mothers, on their death-beds, dedicated these children to Christ and in later years, as men, they entered into the blessed inheritance of lives of service for their King.

Who can read the tragic close of the life of May Gibson Simcox, as she leads her two little boys to the throne of grace, asking that they might be with her in that upper kingdom, now so near, and a few days later as she pleads with that maddened Boxer mob to spare the life of her baby Margaret, without feeling that we must hasten to China with the gospel of Christ?

The story of Mary Reed's life is familiar with many children. Her cheerful life of service among the lepers on the mountain side appeals to our sympathies as do few lives.

Let us look briefly at the life of Ann Hasseltine Judson, who, as a bride, at the age of 23 years, sails away to a foreign land, the first American woman to go as a foreign missionary. All of the fun-loving nature of this girl was needed in the years that followed. Driven from country to country, one less courageous would have fallen by the way. After fifteen months of wandering she and her husband seem no nearer a resting-place than when they started. Finally after being driven from India they reach Burmah. Words cannot portray fully the life she lived there, "no society, no dear Christian friends and with the exception of two or three sea captains who now and then call on us, we never see a European face—and still we are happy." We catch a glimpse of the woman in the following: Dr. Judson was compelled to leave home for a few weeks, but from Christmas of 1817 until July 1818 his brave wife heard nothing of him. Though almost despairing of ever hearing from him again she kept right on with her teaching and when a government crisis caused the others to flee, leaving her alone in Rangoon, where the cholera raged, the death gong sounding all day long, she never faltered but worked on. That was heroism. Her life was a succession of harrowing experiences. With her own hands she built her little bamboo

dwelling-house and two school-houses into which she gathered the Burman children and every Sabbath called the few native converts to worship.

During Dr. Judson's absence in Ara she was smitten with fever and passed away in a few days. No missionary was with her when she died to speak words of comfort. Strangers smoothed her dying pillow. She was only 37. Edward Judson says of her: "The hands so full of holy endeavors were destined to be suddenly folded to rest. She died apart from him to whom she had given her heart in girlhood; whose footsteps she had faithfully followed for fourteen years over land and sea, through trackless jungles and strange crowded cities, sharing his studies and his privations, illumining his hours of gloom with her beaming presence, and with a heroism unparallelled in the annals of missions."

Fidelia Fiske, at the age of 27 years, went to the South Seas to reproduce in the land of Esther, that system of instruction that has made Mt. Holyoke famous.

It required great bravery for this delicate, refined woman to face the filth and countless vermin in the homes of Oroomiah, but for Christ's sake she did it. She may be properly regarded as the pioneer of woman's education in Persia. God laid it on her heart to lift up out of the horrible pit of degradation the women of Persia, but to do this she must herself go down into the pit. She began with the girls and tried to gather into a family a few whom she would cleanse, feed, clothe and teach. Two little girls, aged 7 and 10, were given her and from this small beginning her school soon reached twenty-five—all she could accomodate. "On foundations laid in prayers and wet with tears" the New Holyoke was soon reared which has been of priceless value to the women of Persia. The work which began with the repulsive task of cleansing the bodies of those girls of filth and vermin had its reward. During the years 1844—1847 the spiritual outpouring that visited her Seminary could only be compared to the first Pentecost. All of the girls above twelve years were converted and many of them became missionaries in their own land.

During Miss Fiske's closing days in Oroomiah, ninety-three converted women greeted her in a single meeting. After coming home her great desire was to return to Persia but cancer was eating at her vitals and to return was impossible. In this condition she accepted the principalship of Mt. Holyoke that she might instill into those girls under her care, the true missionary spirit.

The Secretary of the American Board said of her: "In the structure and working of her whole nature, she seemed to me the nearest approach I ever saw in man or woman to my ideal of our beloved Savior as he appeared on the earth.

Hannah Lacroix Mullens was the daughter of one devoted missionary and at the age of nineteen becomes the wife of another. At the age of twelve years we find her teaching the native girls of Bhowanipore. After her marriage every energy centered in her work for her dark skinned sisters. She not only taught in the boarding school for Hindu girls and Bible classes for women but was a writer as well. She has sometimes been called the pioneer of zenanas though the homes had been entered before her time. She died at the age of 35.

Particularly precious to us is the life of Mrs. Henrietta McCague, the first young woman to go from our church to Egypt. In 1854 she was united in marriage with Rev. Thomas McCague then under appointment by the Board to go to the new field, Egypt. Though but twenty-two years old she looked joyfully forward to a life of service for her King in the far off land of the Pharoahs. How she loved the work and with what zeal she entered upon it!

Her work was foundation work and she shared with Dr. McCague the distinction of laying the foundation of a mission that is acknowledged by all denomina-

tions as one of the best conducted in the world

After seven years of hard labor Mrs. McCague was compelledby failing health to return to America. The seven years in Egypt had had their share of sorrow. Two little ones are sleeping in the English cemetery in Cairo. Little did Dr. and Mrs. McCague think when they left Egypt that they would never return, but ophthalmia had done its work; one eye was permanently injured and her health undermined so that it was necessary to remain in the home land. Few women are pioneers in both home and foreign work and while Mrs. McCague's work began in Egypt it did not end there.

In 1867 the family came to Omaha and took up home mission work. Mrs. Gordon, their daughter, says "the work that fell to them as home missionaries in the early history of Omaha required even more faith in God and self-denial than that in Egypt."

Within the first year the Sabbath-school filled to over-flowing two of the three rooms they called home. Again we quote Mrs. Gordon: "One of my most vivid childhood remembrances is the picture of mother coming over the hill toward her little home, followed by a group of twenty, thirty or more children she had thus gathered in."

Soon the Sabbath-school numbered more than 100 and these with a few others found a church home in a little chapel built on a corner of their own little lot, their purse for the most part furnishing the funds and their hands the labor. To-day three churches stand as a monument to their labors.

The secret of her life seemed to be found penciled in her tablet. "The secret of happiness is ceaseless activity for the welfare of others." The extent of woman's work for woman cannot be known until we stand before our Father's throne. Young women have gone out in the service of the King and grown old. Some sleep in foreign lands, some still bear the burdens of earth toiling on in their advanced age, doing heroically the work that has been more to them than life itself for so long. Who will take their places? Mothers! the lands across the seas are calling you to send your daughters. Will you let them go? The heathen mother ties the charm around her babies neck to keep away the evil eye; the heathen mother teaches her child to worship idols. The heathen mother must be taught.

We can never forget the story told by Mrs. Alice McClure, during her furlough at home, of the heathen mother who threw her bright-eyed, happy little boy into the river rather than the puny little girl in her arms, because she deigned to give anything less than the best to her god. Shall we do less for our God?

Mr. Meyer says: "To make a man, God begins with his mother." Are the young women of to-day willing to spend their lives in teaching the girls of to-day, who are to be the mothers of the coming generation, the love our Saviour has for them? Shall they be won speedily or shall we wait a little longer until thousands more have gone out into eternal night? Shall "the coming of the King be hastened by the daughters of the King?

Our College Girls in Missions.

Westminster Girls in Mission Work.

BY ADA PARK.

NOTE—We regret at time of our going to press no illustration has been received of Westminster College.—EDS.

WESTMINSTER College has always been vitally interested in missions and has sent forth some of her best students to occupy fields of strategic importance. Not alone do her sons represent her in the Home, Foreign and Freedmen mission fields but her daughters also have gone out to carry the gospel of Christ to India, Egypt, Japan and Syria as well as to needy parts of the home land.

In the foreign work we have had fourteen representatives from among "our

girls." who have devoted their lives or part of them at least to the fulfilment of Christ's command, "Go, teach all nations." All of these missionaries, it is true did not work in our own church fields but some are in the mission work of other denominations. Of this number some have already entered into "the rest, which remaineth for the children of God," others have since given up the work and returned to the home land, while still others are now engaged in that great work, to which they have been called as co-laborers with God.

Of those still in the work in our own fields we find three in the Indian mission. They are Mrs. McClure, Mrs. T. F. Cummings and Miss Nannie Spencer. Mrs. McClure. known to her class-mates of 1896 as Alice Elliot, is located at Rawal Pindi and has returned to her second term of service, her first term being the completion of the work begun by herself and deceased husband. While Mrs. McClure was home on her furlough, she spent much of her time in New Wilmington and came into close contact with our present student body, whose interest and prayers she has won for her work.

Mrs. T. F. Cummings. (Anna Wallace, class of 1888) is the wife of one of our missionaries and is stationed with her husband at Jhelum. She has been out for fourteen years. She and her husband expect to come home this spring on their furlough and will probably locate in New Wilmington.

The third lady located in Lyallpur, India, is Miss Nannie Spencer of the class of 1890. She has been in the work for twelve years and has proved a very successful missionary.

In our Egyptian mission we are represented by one missionary, properly speaking. though another of our graduates is in the field. Mrs. Wm. Reed (Bertha Grove, class of 1895) is located at Fayoum. She and her husband have been in the mission for nine or ten years. The other graduate is Miss May Alexander, class of 1904, who devotes half time to teaching in Assiut college. Miss Zella Mitchell, class of 1901, was also in Egypt but was forced to return home on account of ill health. If her health permits she hopes soon to return to the work.

Not only are the Westminster girls thus well represented in the foreign work but also in the freedmen's work. No exact record of students who had engaged in this work could be found, though a rather accurate record of between fifty and sixty was obtained. Of these some were in the work for only a year or two and others worked under different boards. We have at present in our own schools only two Westminister girls: Miss Nettie Alexander, 1891, located at Chase City and Miss Vera Getty, 1903. located at Norfolk. Miss Alexander has been in the work for some time but Miss Getty just commenced her work this fall and at this writing is home on a leave of absence for the rest of the year.

The Westminster representatives in the home fields are the wives of ministers engaged in that work and are somewhat limited in number. Westminster is also represented in the work among Indians by Miss Mary Broad, 1901. Though the record of the college along mission lines in the past reflects upon her no shame, we predict even a brighter future, for our volunteer band numbers eight girls besides boys. now in college, who have pledged their lives to foreign mission work. If hopes are realized Westminster college will contribute to mission work of her numbers in the future even more liberally than she has ever done in the past and will become not only *Greater Westminster* in name but also in influence and power.

Monmouth College Girls in Missions.

EARLY in the history of United Presbyterian missions, Monmouth College though she herself was only in her infant davs, began to send her sons and daughters to help in the grand work of carrying the gospel of Christ to foreign lands.

The first to go was Martha J. McKown of the class of '59. who went to Egypt in 1860. For thirty-four years she lived

MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MAIN BUILDING.

and worked in her chosen field, retiring in 1894. Three years later she was called to her eternal home. Since '60, seventeen Monmouth college girls bave entered mission work in foreign fields. These it will be possible only to briefly mention.

From the class of '67, Bessie Matthews went to Alaska. The class of '68 sent, though not until 1872, Mrs. Jane More Rule who was engaged for one year in the work in Egypt. Miss Cynthia E. Wilson, '73, took up her life of mission service in India in 1875. She is still in the work, stationed now in Gurdaspur. Miss Lillian Mateer, a student in '74, left college to go out to the needy fields of China. Mary Agnes Frazier, of the class of 1875, spent the years between '76 and '92 in the missions of Egypt. She is now residing in Columbus, Ohio. In 1875, Miss C. E. White went to Alaska. Miss White was never a student, but was for some years an instructor in the Art Department of the college. She is now in this country, residing in Chicago.

Mrs. D. S. Lytle, who spent the year 1880 in the art department, went with her husband in '81 to India, where she remained until 1900. She is now in Monmouth. The class of '86 gave of its members, Miss Rosanna T. Wilson to India missions. Miss Wilson is now in this country. In 1893, from the class of '89, Miss Ella Gordon went to do mission work in India She is still on her chosen field of service, stationed now at Jhelum in the Punjab.

The class of '95 claims Miss Hester McGaughey, who began mission work in India, but who is now a Y. W. C. A. secretary in Pelzer, S. C. In '95, Mrs. Florida Patterson Hunt went with her husband to Egypt. They are now stationed at Tanta. From the class of '99, Mrs. Grace Collins Campbell, entered mission service in India. She entered upon this work in 1904, and is still on the field, in Jhelum.

Miss Lula Harvey, who was for one year a student, is doing hospital work in Tanta. Her sister, Mrs. Jessie Harvey Robison, also spent some time on the field.

From the class of 1904, Miss Charlotte Claney has gone to Alexandria, and in 1906 Miss Carol McMillan, student, has taken her place in Tanta, Egypt. She is a sister of Adelle McMillan, deceased.

More difficult to trace are the daughters

of Monmouth who have entered the home mission fields. and the following list may be far from complete.

Miss Clara Speers, student in '77. has been for years efficient matron of Elnathan Hall at Knoxville. Tennessee.

Miss Margaret Campbell, '67. is matron of Vincent Hall, Thyne Institute, Chase City Va. Miss Eliza Wallace, '66, who died in 1897, did pioneer work in Knoxville College.

These girls of Monmouth have given much to missions. But now a stronger missionary spirit than has ever before been manifested, is drawing men and women into the Volunteer Band and we can and do hope that in the future. even more than in the past, Monmouth College may give of her best for the service of Christian Missions.

miss Elsie Frew

Young Women of Muskingum College in Missions.

By Angeline Brown.

TO THE college trained woman. many avenues of usefulness open and her increased responsibility leads her to consider carefully how she may best use her talents. A large percentage of Muskingum's graduates have heard and heeded the call of the mission fields. Of these, eleven are now working in our foreign mission fields. India claims six. In the Punjab we find Miss Mame Martin '87, Mrs. J. H. Martin and Miss Josephine Martin. both of the class of '88, and Miss Jennie E. Martin, of '01. Miss Jennie Martin who sailed for India last summer, is the latest addition to this group. Miss Laura Cleland, '03, is located at Pathankot, and Miss Henrietta Cowden, '04,—although this is but her second year—is already doing district work among the women in Sialkot.

Among our Egyptian missionaries. Mrs. T. J. Finney. '76. who has spent twenty-five years in Egypt, has served the longest. Mrs. E. M. Giffen, now spending her furlough in New Concord. has

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completed seventeen and a half years of missionary life. Her last Egyptian home was in Assiut. The younger missionaries are Miss Anna McConaughy, '00. Miss Roxey Martin, '01, and Miss Maude Lorimer, '04. Miss Lorimer is teaching in Cairo.

Another group of loyal workers is found in the Freedmen's Missions. Miss Matilda Wishart, who graduated in 1882, has for several years been professor of mathematics in Knoxville College, Tennessee; Miss Annabelle Harris, '94, is also employed in the same college. Miss Myrta McVey, '98, is teaching in the mission school at Norfolk, Va. Mrs. J. M. Moore, '80, is the wife of the principal of Thyne Institute, Chase City, Va. Muskingum's representative in the Home missions is Miss Elizabeth Wishart, city missionary in Allegheny, Pa.

These earnest women have been faithfully using their education in the Master's service. Equipment for such service alone justifies college education for women. Dr. W. I. Wishart in a recent address at the college, emphasized the importance of making Christ's work a life occupation, and it is the prayer of many hearts that Muskingum may continue to send out "laborers into the harvest." "For the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few."

NOTE—The writer of this article was unable to secure statistics showing all the college graduates who have at any time engaged in mission work, so mention only those who are at present in the mission fields.

Tarkio Girls in Missions.

TARKIO, as one of the youngest of our denominational institutions, can not yet boast of many laborers in the mission fields of our church. In fact it is only as the numbers are taken in comparison with the total number of graduates that we can clearly realize what her efforts along this line have been.

Of the total number of graduates who have gone out from Tarkio College since 1887, a little over one hundred have been women. Of these women graduates fourteen have represented the College in mission work at home and abroad. Only one of these has gone into work outside of the United Presbyterian church.

Four fields of labor are represented by these fourteen workers. Alaska claims one; two have found their work among the Freedmen at Chase City; two others in India; while the remaining nine are to be found in Egypt.

Eight of the fourteen workers have gone out as regular missionaries, while six have served as teachers for a short term only. Of the six four are still in active service which makes a total of twelve, which are at present engaged in missionary work.

Nor has this interest in the cause of missions, among the girls of Tarkio College been restricted to any one period or year in the college history. Of the twenty classes which have been graduated since 1887 only nine have failed to place a woman representative in some mission field. While the class of '04 is the banner class, having sent three of its members to the foreign field, the class of '91 holds the honor of being the first to send a missionary from its ranks. Miss Minnehaha Finney, now stationed at Alexandria, was the first of all the Tarkio alumni to take up missionary work. Miss Finney went to Egypt in '94 and since then Tarkio girls have averaged about one worker a year.

With the exception of the two who went as missionarie's wives, all of the fourteen have gone in the capacity of missionary teachers.

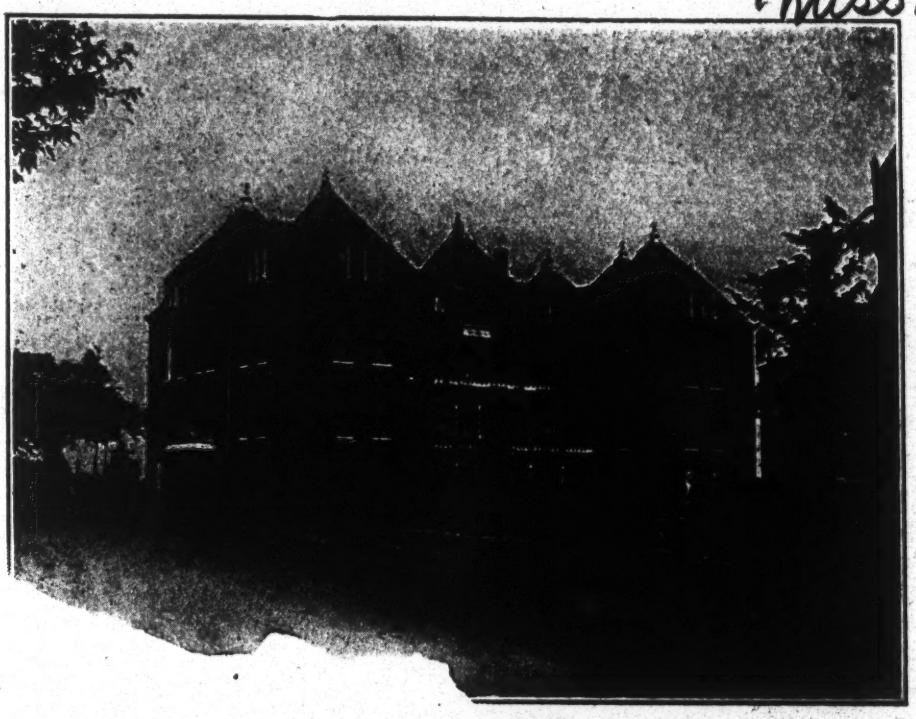
What Tarkio women have been allowed to do in home and foreign fields has not been estimated.

Even if the statistics could be col-

lected and the number of souls saved or helped could be re-counted yet all they have done in the Master's service could not be reduced to figures. Their work is not yet finished and none of us can estimate its value in His sight. But we can testify that their earnest lives have inspired an interest in missionary efforts among the succeeding generations of students which must eventually manifest itself actively.

What the Tarkio girls of the future will do in missions we can not say, but if there is a place for them in the Master's fields we feel sure there will be many who will be ready to answer the call.

Miss Margaret Giff



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Cooper Memorial College in Missions.

BY N. BLANCHE ADAIR.

COOPER COLLEGE is but passing her twentieth year, yet she has sent out her gospel messengers, not only into the mission districts of our home field, but into the sunny southland, and the far distant Orient.

In Cooper's earliest years, a Monday evening prayer-meeting, called the Prayer Guild, was formed, that the students might come together for Bible study and prayer. In this, the college girls were always active workers. As the student body grew in numbers, the guild was merged into the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. These with the Mission Study Class, have awakened much interest in all mission work. In consequence, Cooper has young ladies representing her in home work, in foreign fields and among the freedmen. During the school years of 1892 and 1894, Lena Porter held the two-fold position of teacher and student She had always felt a deep interest in the Foreign mission work, and in October 1898, she with her husband, Dr. H. T. McLaughlin, sailed for Egypt. Here they labored five years, when the call came from the Sudan. Cooper may well be proud, that, among the number which the Board sent to carry the light to this darkened land, was one of her honored

students and teachers. They have spent two years in the Sudan. In 1905, they came home for a rest, returning in October 1906, to Omderman.

Two of the girls graduating from the class of 1902 went into definite mission work; the one, Sara Lavinia McCrory, crossing the waters to minister to those in the Land of the Pharoahs; the other, Cora Grove, accepting an appointment to city mission work.

Miss McCrory entered upon her work as teacher of music and English in Pressly Memorial Institute in 1904. She now has charge of the musical department in the Institute. In the spring of 1905 Cora Grove was asked to undertake Christian work in a portion of the city of Wichita, Kansas. The position was accepted. The work prospered under her care, and later a mission church was erected and dedicated, the services being attended by a large and interested audience. She left Wichita, November 1905, and in December was married to Mr. W. B. Hanlon, of Sterling, Kansas.

In September 1905, Myrtle Elizabeth McCrory, graduate of the class of 1905, sailed for Egpyt, where she had chosen her life work. She spent one year in Assiut with her sister, Sara, learning the language and superintending Miss Rena Hogg's school, while the latter was on her furlough in Scotland. In June 1906, she was married to Rev. R. W. Walker and they were at once assigned to Beni Suef district, where they entered upon their work, September 1906. Here Mrs. Walker has charge of the Girls' School of eighty pupils, which they established and is doing much for these girls.

In the summer of 1905, Grace Mustard, a member of the class of 1906, received an appointment to the Freedmen's mission at Chase City, Va., and entered upon that work in September 1905. She was given the seventh and eighth grades and is still holding this position as teacher.

In October 1907, another member of the class of 1905, Zada A. Patton entered upon mission work in Syria. She went

COOPER MEMORIAL COLLEGE.
STERLING, KANSAS.

MISS ADELLE McMILLAN,

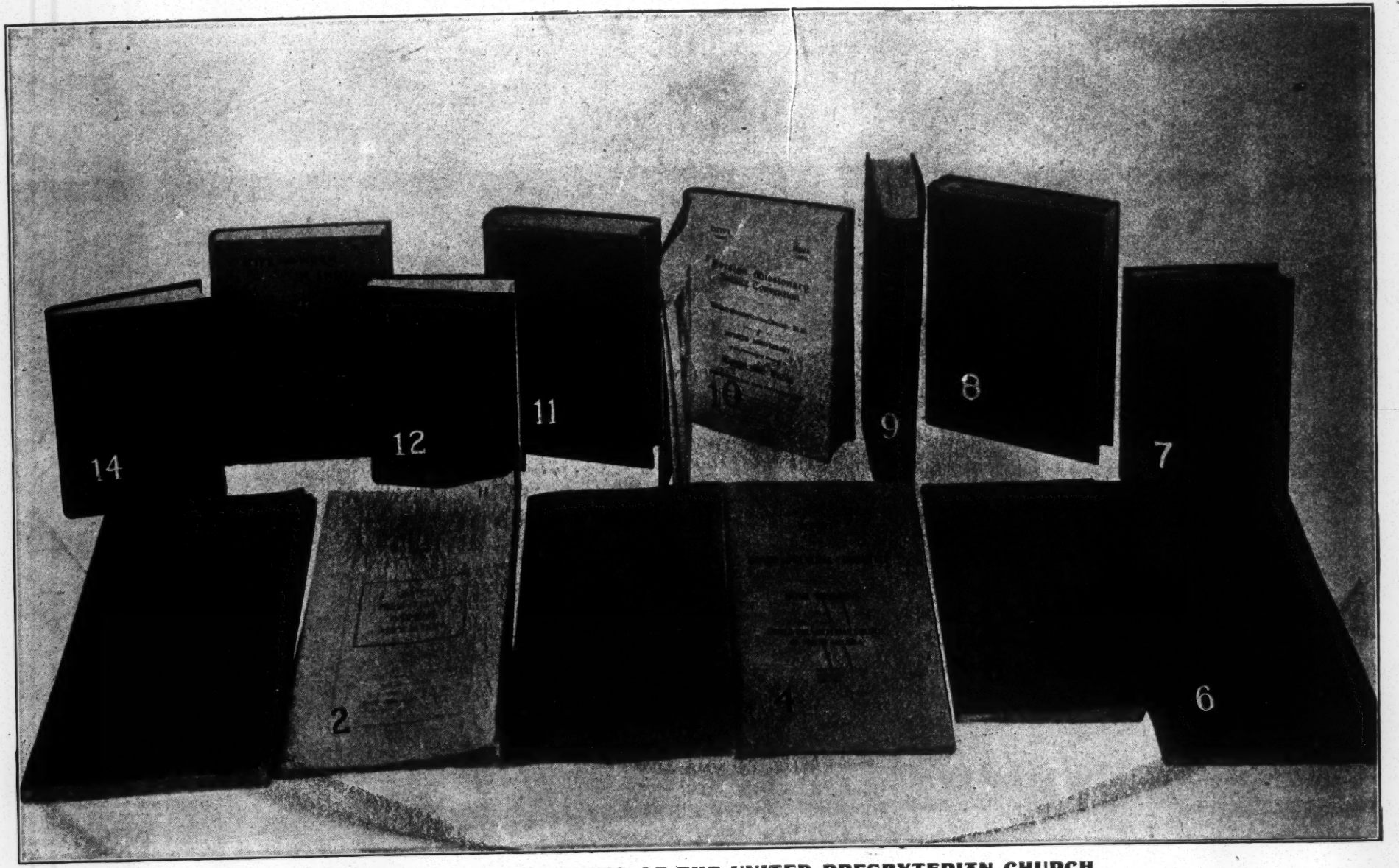
Late Missionary to Egypt.

"Remember my girls in Egypt."

1895 **1907**

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

—Words of Jesus Christ.



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out under the Reformed Presbyterian Board and is in Latakia. the old Laodicea of the Bible. where she lives in the Girls' Boarding School, while learning the Arabic language, the customs of the people, and how to manage a Girls' School. In a year or so. she may be sent to Suadea, sixty miles from Latakia. to open a Girls' School there.

These representatives testify to the religious influence which permeates Cooper college life, but this is not all. It is with pleasure that we can testify that every young lady in Cooper College this year is a professing Christian. Also when the Missionary Deputation visited us in April 1906. five of our girls, offered themselves for the Master's service in the Foreign field. and we hope that Cooper may have the honor of training many more for work in His vineyard, both at home and abroad.

Knoxville College Students in the Mission Field.

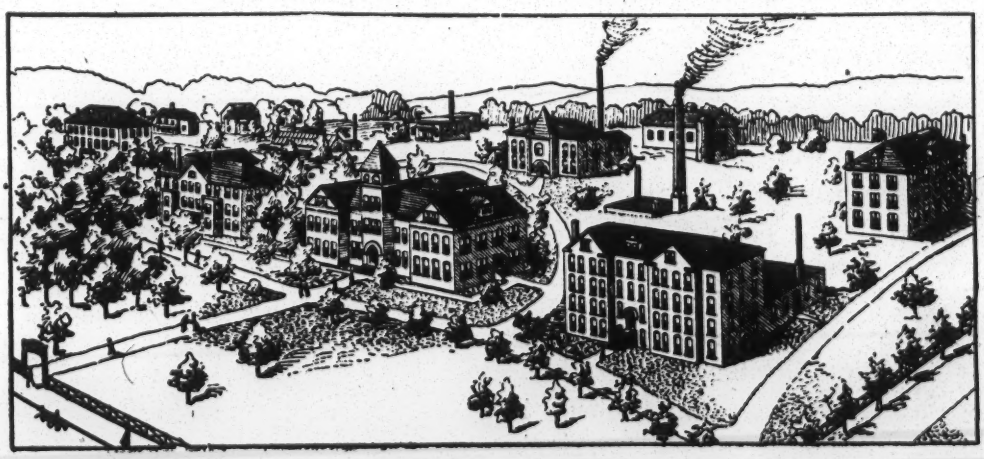
KNOXVILLE COLLEGE is herself a mission and the mother of many missions. The institution was founded here in 1875, but the work really began at Nashville in 1863, (See Women's Missionary Magazine September 1906) and was transferred to this place in 1875. The work has always been saturated with true missionary spirit. Those sent to carry on the work were the embodiment of this. In the early days Dr. J. S. McCullough and Miss Eliza B. Wallace gave the greater part of their lives and even of their own means to carry on the work which was so near and dear to the hearts of both.

The purpose of the founding and the chief aim of its existence, was, and continues to be that of teaching to make teachers, and to train trainers.

When the first young people graduated and not until then did the question arise, "Where shall they find employment?" There was a very great need of teachers in the black belt but where to get means to support them was the question. Through Miss Wallace's efforts, combined with those of her friend, Judge Henderson of Wilcox county, Ala.. a school was established at Miller's Ferry. With this as a starting place. the missions spread until now there are six in the county of Wilcox, which has a colored population of almost 30,000. Since these missions have been started the demand for teachers has exceeded the supply.

In Knoxville College 100 per cent. of the students in the College department are Christians and there is almost as large a per cent in the lower departments.

A large part of our graduates do not



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enter the mission schools of our own church; some are engaged in the missions of other churches, and others teach in the public schools at their own homes. And very many of these to all intents and purpose are also missionaries in the true sense of the word. As an evidence of the religious efforts put forth by Knoxville College students, more than 1000 copies of selections from our "Bible Songs" have been used in the past year by former students in their work in public schools.

Thus far few have gone from Knoxville College to the foreign fields. Mrs. Rosyln Julien will sail as a missionary to Africa this year. She will be the first one of our students who has gone to work in that field.

The list of all of the workers that have gone out from Knoxville College would be very long. There were fifty-three former Knoxville College students in our missions last year. More than 100 Knoxville College students have been enrolled on the list of workers in our own missions since Henrietta Mason first went to Mil er's Ferry in 1884 as pioneer of missionaries sent by our board.

The following are former Knoxville College students who are missionaries at present on the field:

HENDERSON. N. C.—Rev. John A. Cotton, R. H. Adams, Miss Sadie Ellison. Miss Christianita E. Totten, Miss Alice Burris. Mrs. Maud B. Cotton.

MIDWAY, ALABAMA.—Principal Peter C. Cloud, Mrs. P. C. Cloud.

ARLINGTON. ALABAMA. — Rev. John T. Arter, Miss Ella Hawkins, Miss Lucy Woodward. Miss Annie Davenport. Mrs. Minnie J. Arter.

BLUESTONE, VIRGINIA.—Principal C. H. Wilson.

CHASE CITY. VIRGINIA.—T. R. Robinson.

BRISTOL, TENN.—Rev. Frank W. Woodfin, Mrs. Mary Woodfin, Miss Willa E. Hight. Miss Jeannette McTeer, Miss Jennie McArthur.

ATHENS, TENN.—Rev. D. T. White, G. D. Smith. Miss Ellen J. Berry, Mrs. Olivia L. Perry. Miss Pattie L. Taylor.

RICEVILLE, TENN.—Principal W. P. Ware, Miss Louise B. Austin, Miss Julia Jones, Miss Marion Porter.

CLEVELAND, TENN.—Rev. J. H. Tarter, Miss Laura Bouldin, Miss Bertha Peters.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.—Rev. E. K. Smith, Mrs. Maggie Smith.

CAMDEN, ALABAMA.—Miss Nannie J. Clift. Miss Wellie B. Hoge. R. P. Williams.

CANTON BEND. ALABAMA.—Principal J. N. Cotton. Miss Anna Smith, Mrs. Ella B. Cotton.

MILLER'S FERRY, ALABAMA.—Rev. C. H. Johnson. J. L. Carey. Miss Johnny Dick, Miss Virginia Williams, Miss Hattie Gudger, Mrs. Sophia C. Johnson.

PRAIRIE, ALABAMA.—Miss Lizzie Bradford, Miss Lulu V. Marsh, T. M. Elliot. N. B. Cotton.

Miss Roberta Woodfin

The Church's Challenge.

To The Young Woman's Religious Knowledge.

MRS. T. C. ATCHISON, Baltimore, Md.

"BUY THE truth and sell it not; also wisdom and instruction and understanding."

To the young women in school or college, to whom we are looking to gather the bright web of the missionary work out of weary and ere long nerveless hands and to extend and brighten its already radiant fabric, we would send forth a trumpet call. We would bid them haste to the rescue. We would call upon them to come armed with the power that comes with religious knowledge.

The missionary cause offers to the

young Christian one of the greatest fields of philanthropic and Christian activity. Our young women of to-day have greater privileges and greater opportunities than have been given to women of past generations, more of freedom to make what they will in life. But with the opportunities come increased responsibilities. How can they meet the requirements? Power —whence shall it come? We can only look to the author of every good and perfect gift. The proper attitude is well expressed in the beautiful lines of Frances Ridley Havergal.

I could not do without Him ;
Jesus is more to me
Than all the richest. fairest gifts of earth could ever be;
And the more I find Him precious,
And the more I find Him true
The more I long for you to find.
What He can do for you."

Love for Christ is the impelling power. The word of God is our source of light. Religious instruction in childhood forms the basis for useful life. Study increases power and capacity for work. "In knowledge there is power" in the field of missions as elsewhere. There is power in a knowledge of the Word; power in a knowledge of the fields; power in a knowledge of the ways of working; power in a knowledge of the depravity of heathen lands and their need of gospel light. It is a Bible truth that we should grow in knowledge as well as in grace. Lack of knowledge in things pertaining to the kingdom of Christ is often responsible for lack of interest. Overcome these and we bring the uninterested into living touch with the world's need. "They that understand shall instruct many."

Surely knowledge of the truths of Christianity is needed by those who are to become leaders of thought and work. It is needed in our schools of learning, in the field of literature, in the various professions and in all places of usefulness where woman's enlarged sphere will lead young women. It is a dull ear that can not hear the trend of sentiment —the trend of privilege. "The World for Christ, in this Generation" means hearts, hitherto untouched by the Gospel, will receive the saving truths from the lips of those who will present them with a heart power and a tenderness which only woman can give. Get ready young women for the hour is at hand when you will be called into new fields of usefulness.

"The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge".

The Church's Challenge to the Young Women's Work.

By Mrs. W. H. Hopping, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE CHURCH is challenging the young women of to-day to take a place in the advance guard of the Lord's army. So wide have the world's doors been opened, so urgent is the call for messengers, the church needs to marshal every force and "Forward March" to the battle of the Lord. There is a new factor in the Christian problem; there is a new recruiting ground. The church has awakened to the fact that there is a vast potential energy stored up in her young people which should be used. A century ago the church paid little attention to her young people as a class. During the last half century she has awakened and put forth much effort for her young people. To-day the thought of the church is, that there is work to be done by her young people.

Why should the young women become active workers for the Master? First, because they have been prepared for it. No generation of women has ever enjoyed such privileges and advantages as the present generation. The privilege of securing a liberal education, the opportunity for training along special lines, freedom of thought, liberty to choose as she will her life's work. have been at her command. Not only have her mental faculties thus been developed but there has been special spiritual training. The teaching of the Sabbath-school, the training of the Young People's Society

and the various missionary societies have all been instruments in God's hands of awakening in the hearts of our young women a wider sympathy with the world's needs and of imparting to them knowledge of how to supply those needs. Has not the purpose in all this been that the young women shall take upon themselves a larger share of responsibility for the evangelization of the world? The wider the doors have been opened, the louder the call for workers, the better equipped have the young women become. Do we not see in this the harmony which is always evident in the working out of God's plans in preparing the worker for the work.

We all know that the women who go to the foreign field must be the young women. Nature seems to require this. "They most readily acquire strange languages; are enthusiastic, aggressive and courageous; rarely pessimistic and have endurance and improvableness".

Our Women's Board has agreed to send out one unmarried lady missionary for every ordained missionary sent out by the Foreign Board. A recent call from the Board asks that eleven new missionaries be sent. They challenge the young women of the church to furnish the volunteers. Will the young women meet the challenge?

Every one is commanded to be Christ's witness "to the uttermost part of the world" The burden of proof is with each one to show how she is justified in not being personally at the front. If that is clear she is under positive requirement to be at the front representatively so far as possible, "To hold the life lines is as important and obligatory as to go into the breakers". The great mass of young women who remain at home have enjoyed the same advantages as those who enter active service and are as truly responsible for the evangelization of the world. What is more natural than that the girls at home should support their sisters who become the church's messengers in her various fields? The young women of to-day have more of the gold and silver at their command than ever before. Our predecessors would have been amazed at the earning power of the young women of to-day. Is God not placing this money in the hands of Christian young women that they may use it in sending the gospel to their sisters in other lands whose dwarfed and circumscribed lives have not been brightened by the "glad tidings?"

The special challenge given to the young women of our church is surely known to all. It is the support of four young lady missionaries at a total cost of $2,000 a year. Is it too much? The young women of the Methodist church support 50 missionaries. The young women of the Baptist church in western New York alone contribute $3,000. We know our young women will not be content to do less than others.

Space will not permit to speak of the many helpful things the young women can do in their local work. May a larger vision be given to them of their abilities, opportunities, and responsibilities. May their goal be the evangelization of the world. Gen. Grant said in his Fourth of July address at Hamburg: "What saved the Union was the coming forward of the young men." May the next generation be able to say: "What saved the battle to the Lord in this crisis of missions was the coming foward of the young women.

The Church's Challenge To the Young Woman's Aspirations.

By Miss Bessie Wiley, Sugar Creek, Ohio.

AT FIRST thought, aspiration seems something illusive and unpractical but it is not. A great student of the mind has said that "what we aspire to be, that, for the moment, we are". It follows, then, that what we earnestly long for and strive after, goes a long way towards making us what we are. So when the Church makes a claim upon the aspirations of young women, it is not appealing to some

feminine fancy or girlish day-dream. It is rather an appeal that lays hold upon the deep longings of her heart, the secret desires that mould her life.

It is the voice of Christ speaking in her soul and calling upon her first of all to be like Him. This is the first great aspiration and if she be truly possessed of it, will it not color and change every other ambition she may have? If there has been first, inspiration, a deep drinking in of the spirit love of Christ, there will follow the aspiration. After all, that is in keeping with His life. It is the swallowing up of all the petty, selfish desires in the one great longing after Christ and the beauty of His righteousness. Christ's claim upon the aspirations then, is not a claim upon this or that selfish ambition. It is a claim upon the whole heart and all the desires of it. The outward pursuits may remain much the same but the spirit of them is changed. Where the young woman once tried to do things for the glory or pleasure of self, she now puts God first and forgets self. In all that she aspires to be or do she feels the Christ-spirit guiding her.

Perhaps you have seen at some time a tangle of silken floss, the bright colors thrown together without regard for harmony of color; there was no plan, no design, and but little beauty. But give it it to some artist with the needle and out of it she may be able to weave a design of great beauty. And so it is with the tangled conflicting mass of a woman's ambitions. God, the Master Artist, comes into her life and takes up the threads of it and weaves them into a thing of Christ-like beauty. Perhaps there was some bright thread that she cherished particularly; she longed for music or art or an education, but the Artist sees the design; needs no more of this bright shade and hereafter it must be subdued by the quieter browns and greys of home life. It may be that, like a child, she longed after the bright hues that catch the world's eye, but if she has recognized the Artist's hand she will be satisfied that her life is being worked out in the colors that please Him. She will be content to say with the Psalmist "Let the beauty of the Lord our God, be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea the work of our hands establish thou it."

How Do We Organize?

JEANETTE DICKSON, Canonsburg, Pa.

OFTEN the best way to answer one question is by asking another. If an emphatic YES can be given to each of the following questions, the caption will not only be answered, but the measure of the earnestness and activity coupled with the affirmative answer will determine the success of any young women's misisonary organization.

1st. Do you personally desire that a young women's missionary society shall be organized in your congregation or community?

2nd. Do you know one or two other persons who have a similar wish?

3rd. Can you secure the co-operation of your pastor and of two active members of some women's missionary society?

4th. Do you know the address of the Literature Agent of your presbyterial society?

5th. Will she send to you, on application, leaflets giving hints and practical suggestions for conducting such a society as you desire to organize, including the model form of constitution?

6th. Can you, with the help of a couple of others, call for a meeting of all young women interested in such a project?

7th. Can you, and those aiding you,

each speak personally to at least one other person and secure pledge of attendance at the initial meeting?

8th. Can you plan for a convenient hour and date for meetings, have a definite length of program, not to exceed an hour, have a specified hour for adjourning preceded by a social half hour?

9th Can you find some competent persons to arrange programs for meetings, assigning some part to each willing member, and distribute copies and have pulpit announcement of program, thus advertising the meeting?

10th. Can you make the programs attractive and hold the interest of those in attendance, insuring their enrollment and future co-operation in your organization?

11th. Can you take up a definite line of study such as is outlined in the Women's Missionary Magazine or the Mission Study Course and secure some competent person, either of or outside the society membership, to give brief lectures on the country, peoples and mission work done in such places as a study course may include?

12th. Can you, at the first meeting, decide upon some definite object for your efforts and your prayers, either the support of some particular missionary, the giving of aid to some school or hospital, the direct contribution through the Women's Presbyterial treasurer to some one or more of the scores of needy places being aided by the women of the church?

13th. Believing *knowledge of conditions and needs* of home and foreign fields to be the main-spring for activity in missionary societies, can you distribute, systematically, leaflets, telling of such conditions, secure the reading of such publications as Dux Christus, Christus Redemptor, Christus Liberator, Dr. Giffen's story of the Sudan, Dr. Watson's story of Egypt or Dr. Gordon's India Mission and many other similar publications either as home reading or in preparation of program?

What has been done in other lines of work can be done by any earnest band of young women in the way of organizing and conducting a young women's missionary society. An incident of recent date will briefly show the result of quiet, persistent effort.

Three ladies decided to pursue the Hurlbut Normal lessons in Bible Study. If they should not secure a teacher and succeed in interesting others they would prosecute the course of lessons by themselves. Each spoke to one or two friends about organizing a class. As a result at the first meeting held there were five persons in attendance. At the next meeting the following week there were thirteen present. Pulpit announcements were made, a noted teacher from a nearby city was secured and at the third meeting over one hundred were present. The interest continues unabated at the weekly meetings during the past three months.

Miss Adelle McMillan.

A tribute from The Womens' Board.

SABBATH morning, March 11th, 1907, is the date on which our friend and missionary entered upon her eternal rest, after an active service in Egypt. Miss McMillan, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. I. McMillan, of Aledo, Illinois, was given her appointment to foreign missionary work, April, 1895. She was located in Assiout after her arrival in Egypt, and immediately entered upon the study of the language. The rapidity and accuracy with which it was acquired has seldom, if ever, been equaled, so that she was very soon ready for capable service. After a time she was sent to Alexandria, where

she was in charge of a girls' day school, with a large number of Jewesses enrolled. Here it was that the interesting and exciting incidents in connection with the Jewish families occurred, and where Miss McMillan demonstrated her wise tactfulness in handling peculiar cases. After Miss McMillan's furlough period in 1903 and 1904, she was appointed to take charge of the Girls' Day School and the harem work in the city of Tanta. Two years later, she was joined by her sister, Miss Carol, who has been on the field since last October.

For some time Miss McMillan had known that if her work was to be continued, something should be done to restore her failing health. In the hope of finding the needed remedy, she returned to this country, and was met in Chicago by her father and brother, March, 9th. She entered the Presbyterian Hospital and submitted to an operation Monday, March 11th. Strong assurances of a full recovery were given, but very unexpectedly a change came, and in great suffering, our valued and brave missionary awaited the final summons. Fully realizing that the earthly existence was ending, she insisted upon using what little strength she had in testifying to the goodness of her Heavenly Father, and in expressing love and concern for those who would feel her loss most deeply. The two loved ones at the bed-side heard her expressions of submission in "It was my will to work for the Master, but not my will, but Thine be done;" her thought for the dear sister in Egypt, in "Poor Carol, what will she do;" and her great love and interest for those for whom she labored, in "remember my girls in Egypt." In her message to the Women's Board before leaving Egypt, she writes in her characteristic and courageous way, "It is so hard to leave the work; so hard to leave my sister. . . . but I know it is all right, and it is such a comfort to commit the whole matter to the dear Heavenly Father." Then this—"I hope I shall be able to return in the autumn, but I am in the Master's hand."

With Mary at the tomb, and the other Mary in the garden, our friend and coworker heard her risen Lord say "Go tell." Her heart responded to her Master's bidding, and she sought the appointment which would lead her to the regions beyond. She came to the work with the freshness and energy of her youth, with a whole-hearted desire to carry to many the message of salvation,. Mentally, physically, and spiritually, she had been blessed in a full equipment for the work to which she was called, and the years spent in Egypt speak plainly of the fulfilment of the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway," as only in the companionship of her Lord was it possible for her to live the Christ life, which was seen and recognized by all with whom she associated.

The mystery of her going is deepened as we think of her vacant place, and the many other places crying out for teachers and preachers. In great love and pity our heart goes out, not to the unfortunate and oppressed across the seas, no, but to the educated, Christian woman of our home church who fails to carry the light put in her hands to the one in heathen lands waiting for that light. Unless you, dear sister, carry that light, many, very many, will die in darkness.

This is the work the Women's General Missionary Society is trying to do, to reach with our money, our prayers, and our daughters, the heathen women whose salvation God has committed to us as one of the conditions of our own; and then to reach some one's else sister who, sad to say, does not realize her sacred responsibility; and then go on for the love of the work until "all tribes and realms shall His worship learn."

As we miss the gentle presence of her who has gone, may the memory of her life rest upon us as a benediction, and inspire us to do more faithfully the work which has been given us.

Voices.

MRS. E. M. HILL, Foreign Secretary.

WHEN one thinks of it. there is an astonishingly large number of channels through which come the voices that appeal to our lives. and in a large measure, control them. Voices are the medium of communication between individuals. And so we have the voice of our God through His Word, the voices of our friends by word of mouth, through letters, messages, by telephone. telegraph and many other channels. That sentiment expressed in a recent letter from your friend has such an influence upon you that it is no longer the written sentence, but the living. word of your friend whispered in the ear; or it may be that a message written long years ago has been given new meaning as it is re-read and becomes a living voice.

Very recently a request came to the writer asking an interest in her prayers for a business man in California: that he might be given strength to adhere to a resolution taken. He had determined to sell his business interests because they prevented him from attaining the high standards which were established in the home of his youth. A message penned by his sainted mother more than two decades ago had been resurrected and put into his hands; and the voice of the dear mother was once more heard as in gentle tones she said "Remember, I never want you to work on Sabbath." Hence his effort to dispose of his business that prevented both rest and worship.

Very often comes the voice of knowledge, persistent in its power to command the attention; driving sleep from the eyes and rest from the brain. Missionary societies. study classes. and missionary literature have made the awful condition of heathen women so clearly understood that to disregard these voices is to do so at our peril. Through these channels and the messages directly from the field come the sad tones of the heathen sister saying: "The happiest of us is sold to be one of many wives": "We are brought up in profanity, lying, and filth": "Unmarried, we form part of the estate to be divided among heirs:" "For us is no heaven, only a dreary hope of purchasing from our gods merit that shall secure for us a happier state in our next transmigration:" "Married at eleven, a grandmother at thirty, a pitiful drudge or a scolding terror at forty, there is no beautiful girlhood for a Hindu woman." These and many other voices of woe fill the mind of many who are giving life's energies to provide the remedy for all these sorrows.

But are there so many ignorant of these awful conditions, that these words come in an unknown tongue? Or is it true that like the heathen gods "ears have they but they hear not?" Neither do they give a listening ear to the Blessed Master as His voice resounds down the centuries from besides the tomb, saying "Go tell." And so from year to year, we all hear the old refrain "Not interested." Claiming to love the Saviour, but "not interested!" Not one thought for the 80,000 widows under six years of age pleading for love and mercy, "Not interested!"

But cheery. consecrated voices do at times break in upon the ominous silence of the uninterested.

Listen with me to the voices of the young women, as they come by 'phone and letter to the waiting ears of the foreign secretary. From Westminster comes the happy, hopeful message of the sixteen members of the volunteer band, gathered for an evening of social enjoyment with Mrs. Russell. But not forgetful of their life purpose. they use that wonderful invention for the transmission of thought to convey to the secretary their kind wishes and their assurance that all is being done to fully equip them for the service to which they have been called. Sixteen

messages bearing precious promises of fidelity here, so that there may be most effective service over there. Blessed privilege to listen to these youthful but earnest voices, all prophesying of that glad time when selfishness and indifference will no longer be characteristic of the Christian girls of America, and of that time when all our daughters will be willing to give to the women of heathendom as freely as they have received from the Father's hand.

Still other voices are coming to cheer the hearts of those bearing the burdens of the work in this and the mission lands. From Chicago, Monmouth, Kansas, and other sections, we hear "Foreign work is becoming a great burden on my heart:" "I have come to the decision that my Master meant *me* when he said 'Go ye.'"

"The article in the Christian Union Herald concerning the needs of the Women's General Missionary Society, especially the need for workers, impressed me very much:" "I believe the time has come for me to offer myself for the work." And then this sweet, consecrated voice which stirs our inmost being as we listen, "I am willing to go to any of the fields, but my preference is to the Soudan. . . . . If there is no one else in view, may I become Miss McLean's co-worker?"

No need for discouragement. The work is the Lord's. He will provide. But more than they realize, is the responsibility resting upon our young women to co-operate with our Lord in this great work of evangelization. It is our young women who must disseminate missionary information so that we may dispel prejudice and ignorance which are now holding so many in the bonds of indifference. To our young women, we look for the change in social conditions that shall put Christ first in homes of Christian America. To them we look for an education that will lead to the Bible rule of giving, and so get in the right relation to our posessions. And above all, do we hope and pray that our daughters shall be led into that life of prayer that shall keep them wholly dependent on the Lord, ready and willing to go, to do, to be, and to say as directed by the Spirit. Our girls brought into living touch with the world's need means that their warm hearts and educated brains will respond with the help and sympathy for which their sisters in so many parts of this sinful old world are crying.

Yes, friends, in the midst of much confusion of earthly noises, we can catch the symphony of the young voices, as they ring out in glad fulfillment of the promises of God concerning His work.

My dear young sister, is your voice in that choir of promise, or are you among the silent and uninterested?

"THE LOG CABIN COLLEGE."

Erected in 1794 by Dr. John McMillan, the first classical college west of the Alleghenies. The old building still remains at Canonsburg, Pa.

Editorial.

How Shall They Go Except They Be Sent.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then said several thousand students in several hundred colleges—"Here am I, send me," And I beheld the outstretched hands of the millions who know not Christ, and near these millions, one saying. "How shall they preach except they be sent?". . . . THAT IS THE NEW MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES. To your knees then, Oh Church of Christ, that you may see the vision that has been given to your children! QUENCH NOT THEIR SPIRIT!

Adapted from "Responsibility of the Church" by W. F. McD.

The present number of the Women's Missionary Magazine is devoted to literature and to the young women of our Church. It has been the endeavor, of those contributing to its pages, to create a desire for missionary literature, of which there is shown to be the greatest variety. and most abundant supply.

The testimony of all the who have intelligent and wide information of the work of Modern Missions, is to the accuracy and truth loving principles that underlie the whole missionary history.

Enough. and rich enough is the provision given to stimulate reading of missionary literature. The great need now is to impress upon the young membership of the church. not only the advantages of being well informed about missionary operations of their own church. and the other churches as well, but also to have each one realize that the supreme purpose of the church and its membership is to give the gospel to every creature. The word of God gives the command through Jesus Christ's commission, and the boundary line is to every creature.

The literature of missions, whether it be the monthly periodical, the leaflet. or the more comprehensive and concise history of Modern Missions as enriched by many volumes, is all necessary information for the Christian, studying God's movements in the whole world. Secular and scientific reading will not furnish this, it remains for missionary literature to give peculiar and abundant proof of God's purpose and providence in missions.

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The famine conditions in China, appeals to every kind heart. To the Christian Church especially should the urgent appeal for immediate action be received.

The opportunity to relieve the worst famine China has experienced in many years. may win vast numbers to realize their immeasurably greater need of the Bread of Life.

Let us do what we can to relieve this suffering humanity in the name of Christ and trust in doing our duty now, greater good may flow into their famine stricken land.

The United Presbyterian. at Pittsburg. Pa., will receive your contribution and remit same to Doctor Klopsh of *Christian Herald* whose labors co-operate with Christian missionaries in China, non-Christian as well as Christian Chinese, sharing alike of the supply sent. Five cents will keep one child from starvation a week. $5 will keep four little Chinese children alive until the first summer crop is harvested.

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From our church papers we learn of the handsome gift to our missions in Egypt by Miss Helen Gould. During her recent visit to that land she left a contribution of $11.000 for educational work at Luxor, Assiut and Cairo. To the various other

stations she gave much cheer to the missionaries. Miss Gould's benefactions are widely known. because widely distributed. There has been ample testimony from her habits and philanthropy that wealth is only worthy of a wise and beneficent use; aside from that. she has proven that there is little pleasure or profit in its possession. Our church greatly values this generous recognition of its work by Miss Gould.

Ere we close our forms one word more in behalf of the Topeka Convention. Let every woman in attendance prepare her self with material for notes before starting, find her seat in the opening session of Wednesday morning and as far as practicable keep that seat during the Convention.

Remember, dear delegate. you are representing some one at this meeting; your interest and faithful attention will have much to do with the work of the next year in your congregation or presbyterial society. If you are a visitor do not presume to visit during the sessions of the Convention. May the president's voice never be heard requesting order. Pray before you go, pray on the journey, for the Convention and for the president. Mrs. Baldridge, whose arduous duties you should appreciate.

If you are to realize greater things next year, (our Silver Year), we must do our duty in spirit and in action by making preparation for it. Great plans are in contemplation—let us labor together that the Kingdom of God may be advanced through this meeting.

The appeal that comes to our young women in this number exceeds all others —from the pen of sincere writers. from the sudden death of Miss McMillan and the loss it brings to her work in Egypt and the church at large, from the "Voices" of those going to the field, from the inspiring devotion of her who has come to our church to do medical missionary work in India, from the earnest appeals of our Foreign Secretary of the Womens' Board—all combined to send this number forth burdened with responsibility and privilege.

Young women of the United Presbyterian Church! heed the importunate appeal; whether you go or whether you remain at home you are alike responsible for your part in the great work our church has undertaken both in America and in foreign lands.

For this special number devoted to young women, the Magazine put on a new Spring dress. For rest of the year we will wear our familiar suit of green and white.

"Missions in Sabbath-school," omitted for lack of space—will appear later.

Important Notice.

In this issue read in report of Board of Directors the change of address for procuring literature. Miss Caughey, resigned, will not fill orders. Do not over look this change, and impose extra work on retiring Literature Secretary, and also delay your own order. Be careful to address all orders for literature thus: Care of Womens' Board, 209 Ninth Street. Pittsburgh Pa. M. E. M.

For the Topeka Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society May 14—17. reduced rates of fare and one-third on the certificate plan have been granted only by the Western Passenger Association, West of Chicago, including all points in Colorado. The Central and Trunk Line associations have not granted the reduction owing to the unsettled condition in railroad rates in the States included in these Associations. Those going to the convention will pay full fare going to Chicago and returning from Chicago. Party fare for ten or more persons is granted on many of the railroads. In purchasing ticket in Chicago for Topeka, request the ticket agent to give you the railroad certificate, (not a receipt), signing it, when purchasing it from the agent. The certificate will enable the person purchasing the ticket to get the reduction of one third fare ticket to Chicago. The ticket can be purchased three days before the opening of the Convention and three after its close, Sabbath not being counted in either case. Certificates showing the purchase of tickets at fifty cents, or less will not be counted. There must be 100 persons holding certificates for tickets purchased over terminal lines in order to get the reduced rates.

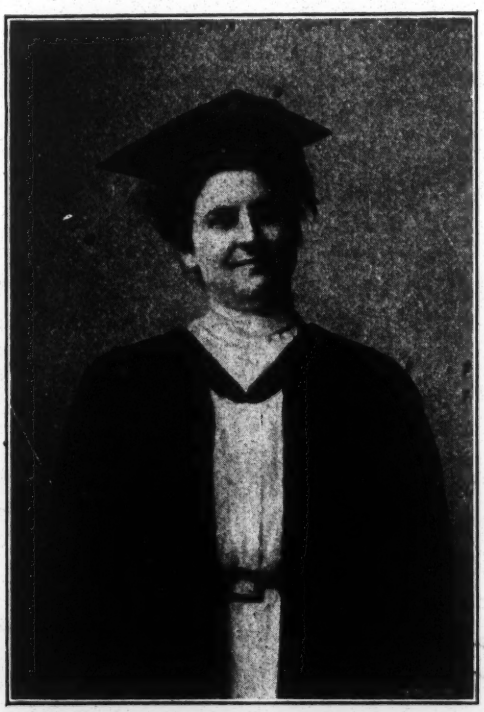
The Santa Fe railroad has a train leaving Chicago at 10 p. m. Monday, arriving in Topeka Tuesday at 1:15 p. m.

Miss E. D. BROWN,
Railroad Secretary.

Sketch of Dr. Agavine Gilbakian.

Dr. Agavine Gilbakian was born in Constantinople, Turkey, in 1878. Her parents belonged to the Orthodox Greek Church. After the death of the father, the mother became interested in the mission of the Congregationalist Church and attended the meetings with her three children. She very soon accepted Christianity and has been a faithful follower of her Saviour. After a few years the little family came to Boston, where the oldest daughter had preceded the others with her husband. Agavine, the youngest, briefly gives the record of her life in this country and of the way in which she has been led into missionary work as follows :

"About seventeen years ago I came to America. One Sabbath afternoon I was sitting on the doorstep when a little girl about my own age, passing said to me, 'Do you go to church?' 'Yes,' I replied, 'I go to church in Turkey.' She said: 'Why don't you go while you are in Boston?' 'I don't know where they are' I answered. She then told me to be ready at two o'clock and that she would take me to Sabbath-school. I was ready at one o'clock and waited one hour, which I thought would never pass, but at last two o'clock came and so did the little girl.



DR. GILBAKIAN.

"When we stepped into the large Sabbath-school she introduced me to a city missionary and said: 'Miss Miller this little girl comes from Constantinople, Turkey.' Miss Miller became interested at once and told me that it had been her great ambition and life long desire to have gone to Turkey as a missionary, but that circumstances prevented her from going, and that she had been looking for a little girl to go in her place. and said: 'I think you are the one I have been looking for all these years.'

"She asked me if I would like to go to school, and then go back to Turkey. I thought the school part was lovely but did not like to think of going back to Turkey again. I did decide to go to school and make something of myself.

"I went to Northfield Seminary and soon had the desire to go back to my people. It was my only thought during my years of study in the seminary. When I was studying physiology I thought of how wonderful is this great machine in which our souls live, and of how when one part goes wrong the whole system is spoiled; and then I thought how lovely it would be if I could go to Turkey as a medical missionary and not only prevent sickness but heal the bodies and souls of my people. I wrote Miss Miller that I wanted to study medicine. She answered, promising to stand by me in my effort to do so.

"After my graduation at Northfield, I entered the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa., and while a student there I heard a powerful appeal from a lady who represented the United Presbyterian church. She told us of the great need in India for two medical missionaries and that the Young Women's Missionary Society of the Sixth United Presbyterian church, Pittsburg, Pa., had pledged the salary and that the members of this society and of the Women's Board were praying and seeking for the physician. I listened to the appeal and thought after that, surely half of the students will offer to go to India. but not I, for I was going to Turkey. The thought came to me, 'shall I speak to Mrs. Hill,' for it was she who made the appeal. but I decided not to as I was not going to India.

"After my graduation from the Medical College in 1905, I spent fifteen months in the New York Infirmary for Women and Children, where I gained valuable experience and while there began making inquiries as to how I might carry out my life plans, I found all doors closed, for political and other reasons.

"Then came to mind the meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association in the Medical College, when Mrs. Hill made an effort to secure some one for India. After corresponding with Mrs. Hill on the different phases of the work I offered myself to go under the care of the Women's Board of the United Presbyterian church.

"Although I have been in the Congregationalist church all my life, I am ready to enter the United Presbyterian church, believing that we all work for the same great cause, the evangelization of a lost world. I am very happy to go under such a good Board and to represent such good Christian people. My wish and prayer is that I may be worthy of the trust given me, and that I may be a faithful representative of those who have sent me."

Miss Susie A. Young and Dr. Agavine Gilbakian left New York for India, March 23rd, the one to re-enter the work with which she is so familiar and in which she is so deeply interested; the other to enter fields entirely unknown and untried. But Dr. Gilbakian does not go without the necessary equipment for a new missionary, possessing a good education, a physical condition above the average, a Christian experience, and an enthusiasm for the work, born of the spirit, whom we trust will ever be her guide and strength.

Dr. Gilbakian has been appointed in the belief that she is the answer to the many prayers for help in the medical work in India. Her record as a student and an active Christian, fully justifies the hope that the language of India will be acquired with ease and that she will prove to be the one able to give the needed relief.

Miss Young and her companion are most heartily commended to the interest and prayers of the readers of this Magazine.

Will not mothers kindly remember the two aged mothers who have unfolded their arms of love and permitted these two brave girls go to teach all nations.

Will not those other young women who are helping to go, or who, some day may go, remember these, their sisters, doing what they can to cheer and encourage.

E. M. H.

"Remember My Girls in Egypt."

This sentence uttered in the closing hours of the life of Miss Adelle McMillan, is a message to the women, and children of our church, and should be echoed and re-echoed until it has been heard in every part of the church. The response to this appeal will mean a spirit on the part of our young women which shall lead them to Egypt, India, or the Soudan, where wandering daughters of the King need to be "remembered" and brought from sin and woe into His palace: and on the part of our older women, and those who cannot go, the spirit that will make it possible for the younger women to go.

As the close of the school year draws nigh, graduates in colleges and teachers in the schools are giving thought to the appeals that are coming across the waters.

Already five young women have signified their willingness to go if appointed; and others have sent messages that indicate a willingness to go if hindrances are removed. Yes, the out-going spirit is upon the girls of America.

But "How shall they preach except they be sent?" For some years the Women's Board has had salaries waiting for the applicants. One by one these have been appropriated until at this date, but one pledged salary remains; it is that offered by our missionaries in India for another medical missionary, who has not yet been found.

Lives are being offered. The spirit of out-going is upon our young women, but the spirit of "out-giving" must come upon those who remain in the home land, if our daughters are to be sent.

We have been praying that the "laborers be sent forth." Shall we not pray for the spirit of liberality that will enable the laborers to be sent? $500 per year is the salary of a lady missionary in India. $550 per year is the salary for a lady missionary in Egypt or the Soudan. $325 is the amount needed for the traveling expenses to India, $200 to Egypt, and $250 to the Soudan. $100 is given to each one appointed for an outfit. These items are noted in the hope that some of the Lord's people may enter into a very definite arrangement with Him for the support of a missionary. All such pledges are taken for the life of the donor, unless in the providence of God, the continuance of the payments becomes impossible. For further particulars address Mrs. E. M. Hill, Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Women's Board.

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JUNE—YOUNG WOMEN'S NUMBER, AND LITERATURE IN MISSIONS.

Roll call. Missionary items.

1. Young womanhood an important factor in Christian missions.
2. The Church's Challenge:—(a) To the young woman's religious knowledge; (b) To the young woman's work; (c) To the young woman's aspirations.
3. How do we organize?
4. Our College girls in missions.
5. Missions in the Sabbath school.

LITERATURE IN MISSIONS.

1. Literature as a means to intelligent study of missions.
2. Value and use of different varieties of literature: (a) Text books; (b) Biography; (c) Periodicals.
3. How leaflets can be used to yield the largest returns.

NOTE.—Begin early to prepare for this study, and invite everybody to attend the missionary meeting.

The Book-Shelf

EGYPT AND THE CHRISTIAN CRUSADE. By Rev. Charles R. Watson, D. D. Price, postpaid, fifty cents in cloth binding; thirty-five cents in paper.

This volume, purporting to be a "handbook on Egypt in its relation to the Christian missionary enterprise," is, during a few weeks, to be used in the Mission Study Course as a text-book for the Young Peoples' Christian Union of the United Presbyterian church. Very important is it that a treatise, intended for such a purpose should be balanced in its views and yet interesting, even attractive in its matter. Dr. Watson has, we think, succeeded admirably in his undertaking.

As one can not have any thorough knowledge of religious progress in a foreign land without first understanding certain conditions, merely secular, Dr. Watson, with propriety, calls the reader's attention, first, to the interesting country of Egypt, to its people, general history and religions. In these chapters we learn of the material advance of the land and nation, of its improved facilities for travel, which, in some aspects, are circumstances favorable to mission work. Information may be gained, also, as to the characteristics, physical, mental and moral of those among whom our missionaries in Egypt labor: as to the story of that ancient land, with its national glories and ignominies; and as to its present political state. Moreover, we are instructed briefly regarding the extinct religions of the land of the Sphinx, and more fully as concerns the dawn of Christianity there, the Coptic faith, and the doctrines and practices of Mohammedanism.

In chapter V. we read of Christian missionary efforts in Egypt in comparatively modern times, a most interesting story, while chapter VI, tells the tale, familiar to many of us, yet ever fresh and stimulating, of the establishment and preservation of our mission in that country. The last three chapters of Dr. Watson's volume treat of "Recent Missionary Work," "Missionary Agencies," "Final Victory," and the attentive student of these may surely become intelligent with regard to Protestant religious progress in the land of the Nile. Not only encouraging features are presented, but those adverse as well; so that it is possible to obtain a just view of Christianity, its problems and accomplishments in Egypt. Useful appendixes, a copious index and a map of the country complete the volume.

We would speak also of the annotation of topics upon the margin, helpful for quick reference, and of the illustrations which, in many instances, are quite different from those ordinarily encountered in books about Egypt and its missions. We found of special interest the pictures of "Viscount Cromer and the Khedive," of "Assiut during the Inundation," and of "Some Converts."

"Egypt and the Christian Crusade," may be ordered from the office of the Board of Foreign Missions, 921 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Penna.

M. H. W.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I do give and bequeath the sum of ———dollars to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

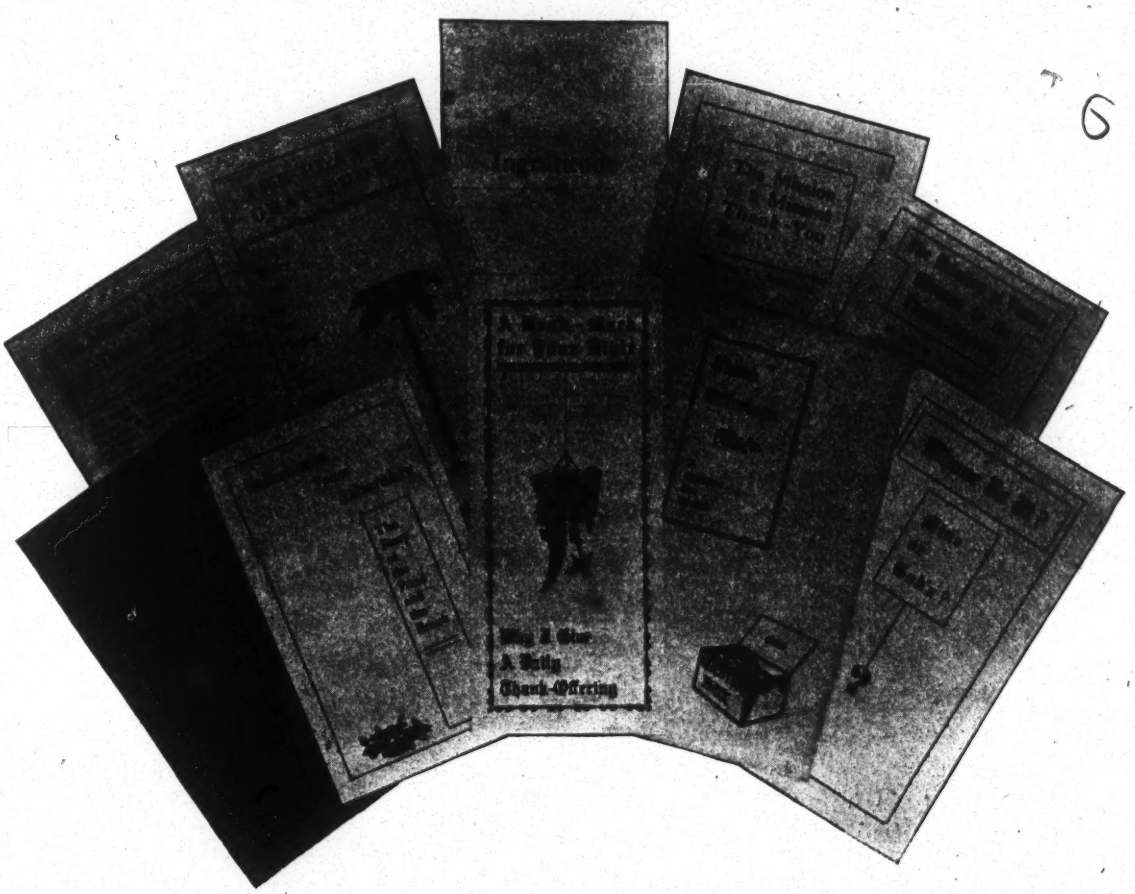
Or, if the bequest be of real estate, as follows:

"I do give, devise and bequeath unto the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America all that certain piece of land in —— and described as follows:

NOTE—Any person desiring to designate to any particular department or departments of work, see leaflet entitled "Departments of Work." Order from Women's Board, 209 9th St., Pittsburg, Pa.

Thank-offering.

EDITED BY MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER,
15 Marshall Avenue, Allegheny, Pa.



N. B.—If you wish to know how these leaflets will help you in your work for the Master, read carefully the "Leaflet Article" on page 301 in the April number of the Women's Missionary Magazine. Then order all you can wisely use in your congregation at two cents postage per dozen.

A Message to Officers and Members of Senior and Junior Societies.

What is your special work for the Thank-offering these coming months? To help raise the Silver Anniversary Offering of $100,000 for missions,

How can you succeed? *Through prayer plus faith, plus diligence.*

PRAYER.

Paul's exhortation to you is: *In everything by prayer let your requests be made known unto God.*—Philippians 4:6.

Before you begin to plan to have your people visited in the interest of the Silvery Anniversary Offering. take it all to God in prayer. Form a prayer circle: *That ye may give yourselves to prayer.* 1 Cor. 7:5. Plan for a certain hour every day for special prayer for this great cause that means so much in the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the future. United prayer will give strength and courage to you all.

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Almighty. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto

Him and He shall hear thee. Yea the Almighty shalt be thy defense and thou shalt have plenty of silver.—Job 22:26, 27:25.

Like the disciples of old resolve: *We will give ourselves continually to prayer.*—Acts 6:4, and claim the promise as yours. *Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.*—Luke 11:9. Then success will follow.

FAITH

A second necessary qualification for your success in raising the greatly desired offering for women's work is *faith.* Paul asserts: *Without faith it is impossible to please God.*—Heb. 11:6. In order to bring blessings to others and receive blessings in your own souls, you must do only that which will please God.

Pray in faith; plan in faith; work in faith; give in faith and God will be pleased and will reward you with success. Let each one go forward believing that: *I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.*—Phil. 4:13. Then the task of enthusing your people, young and old, in giving daily or weekly offerings into their new Silver Anniversary boxes will become a joy instead of a hardship and *The gold and the silver shall come into the Lord's treasury.*—Joshua 6:19. "Faith has a prevailing influence upon the will of men; it draws out the affections and renders the whole being subject to God's will," and thus the work for the Master becomes easy and success follows.

DILIGENCE.

A third qualification for your success is *diligence. Be diligent that ye may be found of him blameless.*—2 Peter 3:14. *Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flock.*—Prov. 27:23. *Be diligent to know the state* or condition of your congregation, financially, and learn who are able to give large Thank-offerings, and who can give smaller ones. Present the chart of figures on page 301 of the April number of the Women's Missionary Magazine to those you visit and as far as possible have them decide what part of the $100,000 they will give into the Lord's treasury for next falls "Ingathering."

"*Be diligent to know the state*" of your congregation that you may have tact in approaching the members. "*Know,*" that you may present the needs of Christ's cause in a way to deepen the individual interest and sympathy and thus call forth real heart gratitude to God through the offerings given.

"*Know*" that you may not overlook one man, woman or child of whom you believe God requires a Thank-offering.

With Paul: *We desire that every one of you show the same diligence—unto the end. That ye be not slothful.*—Heb. 6:11,12. *But as ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness; see that ye abound in this grace (of giving) also.*—2 Cor. 8:7. Be careful to set an example in liberal giving. Give your full share and then can you go forth with courage to ask others to do likewise.

Remember: *God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye also having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. Being enriched in everything into all liberality which worketh through you thanksgiving unto God.*—2 Cor. 9:8-11.

Silver Anniversary Boxes.

During the month of March over nine hundred letters were sent to the Presidents of congregational societies, sixty-three letters to the Presidents of Presbyterials and sixty-three to the Presbyterial Thank-offering Secretaries, urging their hearty co-operation in the work of raising the much desired and greatly needed sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Success in this movement will depend upon the active interest taken in it by every undividual officer and member of the Senior and Junior societies.

The plans submitted to societies cannot be worked out successfully unless all the members co-operate and from the heart say with Paul: "This one thing I do," and then do it.

With each package of Junior boxes was

sent a letter of suggestions to the Junior Leader. As the Junior Christian Unions and Endeavorers are all now under the care of the Women's General Missionary Society it is hoped they will study well the leaflet, "Departments of Work," sent out in order that they may understand the work their contributions and Thank-offerings help to support.

A pink letter was sent out to the holder of every Junior box. Personal letters and the leaflet, "Whose is It?—Mine or God's?" were sent to the holders of Senior boxes, with the hope of reaching every family in the denomination with at least one Silver Anniversary box.

To know the value of these little reminders of God's goodness in the Christian homes, they must be faithfully and prayerfully used as God's treasure boxes: then will they become real "blessing boxes."

In sending out the Senior boxes the committee had to follow the list of names of Presidents of societies as given in the July, 1906, Magazine.

In sending the Junior boxes the list of leaders of Junior societies, as furnished by the secretary of Junior work was used.

Should any person receive a package of boxes who is not now serving as a President or a Leader of a society, she is requested to promptly deliver it to the proper officer in order that there may be no delay in the distribution of the boxes.

If societies or individuals need more boxes for distribution than were sent, order at once of Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, 920 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. As the boxes are valuable, see that none are laid aside unused or thrown into the waste basket to be destroyed. They are "God sent" and should be treated in a manner acceptable in His sight.

Important Notice.

If any organization of Juniors or Seniors has missed getting the Silver Anniversary Thank-offering boxes, or if any congregations that have no missionary societies, wish to use them for the work of the Women's General Missionary Society, or if any individuals desire to have boxes, send orders promptly to Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter, 920 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

How Can One Hundred Thousand Dollars Be Secured?

BY THE FOLLOWING PLAN :

10	women	giving	$1,000.00	each,	would be	$10,000.00
20	"	"	500.00	"	" "	10,000.00
40	"	"	250.00	"	" "	10,000.00
100	"	"	100.00	"	" "	10,000.00
200	"	"	50.00	"	" "	10,000.00
1000	"	"	25.00	"	" "	25,000.00
1000	"	"	10.00	"	" "	10,000.00
2000	"	"	5.00	"	" "	10,000.00
1000	"	"	2.50	"	" "	2,500.00
1000	"	"	1.00	"	" "	1,000.00
Juniors		"			" "	1,500.00
		Total - - - - - -				$100,000.00

Thus 6,370 of the 75,000 women, whose names are on the church rolls, plus the usual Junior offerings, would bring the desired one hundred thousand dollars into the Lord's treasury by next fall.

Reader, study these figures prayerfully and then study your own possessions and "according as the Lord hath prospered you" decide where you will *at once* place your name, as a grateful giver in God's sight.

Treasurer's Report for month of March, 1907.

It is desired that all money should be in form of even dollars except on Parsonage Loans.

PRESBYTERIAL	Foreign Missions.	Foreign Salaries	Home Missions	Indian Missions	Freedm'ns Missions	Junior Special	Church Extension and Parsonage	Returned on Loan Investments	Minister'l Relief	Paymnt on Parsonage Loans	Junior Life Members,p	Women's Mission'ry Magazine	Home for Missionr'y Children	Women's Asso. Work: Orph'n Home	Women's Asso. Work: Memorial Hospital	Women's Asso. Work: Home for Aged People	Senior Life Members'p	Contingnt Fund	TOTAL.
Albany	45 00		9 00		9 00		9 00												72 00
Allegheny	190 00	50 00	155 00	50 00	103 00	5 00	40 00												593 00
Argyle	100 00	7 50			10 00	5 00													122 50
Beaver Valley	13 00		17 00	3 00	22 00	9 00										7 00			71 00
Boston	100 00		58 00	13 00	10 00	9 00	5 00		10 00				5 00						210 00
Chicago	40 00		9 00	3 00			6 00							5 00					63 00
Concordia	6 00		8 00		13 00		3 00												30 00
Delaware	9 00		9 00											10 00					28 00
Detroit	49 77	8 00	7 00		6 00														70 77
Frankfort	29 00		9 00		14 50	12 00	2 00		2 00				2 00						70 50
Illinois Central	22 00		10 00			25 00													57 00
Indiana	15 00		4 00	9 00	5 00		26 00		14 00										73 00
Iowa Northwestern						2 00													2 00
Kansas City		11 50	10 00																21 50
Keokuk	3 00	134 25	29 00	8 00	4 00	1 25													179 50
Monmouth		48 75	25 00		5 00		5 00							6 00	6 00				95 75
Monongahela	555 00	412 00	275 00	15 00	*327 00		13 00		5 00				5 00	55 00	80 00	10 00			1762 00
New York		15 00																	15 00
Omaha	17 00	76 00		18 00	16 00														127 00
Oregon		32 00			7 00		5 00		5 00										49 00
Pawnee				12 45	5 00		5 00												22 45
Philadelphia	159 00	56 25	47 00	12 00	26 00	48 00	11 00		5 00										364 25
Puget Sound	10 00		11 00		5 00	8 00												1 00	35 00
Steubenville	27 00																		27 00
Westmoreland	44 00	25 00	43 60	5 00	38 00	20 00	5 00		4 00				3 00	3 00	2 00	3 00			195 00
Wisconsin	59 00					13 25	3 00												75 25
Miller's Ferry, Ala					90 00														90 00
Insurance					2200 00														2200 00
Interest	50 00											25 00						17 75	92 75
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Paden		50 00																	50 00
Rev. W. W. Gordon	5 00																		5 00
Andrew Randles Maxwell											10 00								10 00
Mrs. J. R. Plummer																	25 00		25 00
Miss Jannette Shaffer, Treas.													24 00						24 00
Estate Mrs Nancy Boden				50 00															50 00
Y. P. C. U., Kiskiminetas		114 00																	114 00
Barnett Center C. E.	16 00																		16 00
Knoxville W. M. S.	10 00		8 00	8 00	8 00														34 00
A Friend		500 00																	500 00
Y. P. C. U. Conemaugh		38 00																	38 00
Salineville										166 50									166 50
First Kansas City										78 28									78 28
Hutchinson										47 18									47 18

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was on motion refered to a committee. The secretary was instructed to have renewed the insurance on the Miller's Ferry dormitory and furniture.

Foreign Secretary reported the death of Miss Corbett's mother. At our meeting on the 5th, Miss Adelle McMillan was reported in this country and in the care of her family and on the 19th formal announcement of her death was made. Mr. Sowash writes very fully of the progress of building in Khartoum. Miss Embleton will sail for home in March on account of the illness of her mother.

Home Secretary gave reports from 1st and 2nd San Francisco and Los Angeles. Thirty members have been organized into the Highland Park congregation. Italian work was reported by Rev. Fortunato and Rev. De Anna. Rev. Smith and Miss Campbell, of Tama, tell of the work there and it was decided to re-appoint Miss Ella Montgomery to Warm Springs.

The Committee to secure a stenographer for the Board. reported that one had been secured and it was decided to employ her at once.

Editor of Junior Magazine was authorized to prepare a book from material used throughout the year in the Junior Magazine and in accordance with plan outlined.

One hundred dollars was ordered distributed from Ministerial Relief. Akron. O., was granted $300 to carpet and light their church parsonage. The secretary stated that Newton. Kan., has paid loan in full. Several applications for parsonages were refused on account of no funds at present. Congregations in arrears should note this fact.

The Railroad Secretary is hindered in making final arrangements for transportation owing to legislation in railroad matters.

Young Women's Secretary reported a new society at 2nd New Wilmington, Pa.

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On April 2nd, the Board was convened by the President, who led the morning devotions, after which the entire day until six p. m., was spent in routine business. Minutes approved, letters read, reports adopted and appeals considered.

Treasurer reported receipts, disbursements and balances in the different departments for month of March: receipts, $8,837.79 which includes $331.27 Thankoffering; disbursed, $11.595.

The Freedmen's Secretary reported that a range had been sent to Norfolk for the domestic science department. A fence built at Prairie, and the Prairie domestic science teacher sent plan for work in the department, which was approved by the Board. Regular reports from the departments received.

Young Women's Secretary reported two new organizations: Olena, Ill., and 1st Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Railroad Secretary reported legislation in railroad matters responsible for delay in announcement of final arrangements for transportation. The route chosen is Fort Wayne from Pittsburg to Chicago and Santa Fe from Chicago to Topeka.

Resignation of Miss Eliazbeth Caughey as member of the Board was accepted. Mrs. John A. Crawford was elected literature secretary, and on motion the literature address will be Women's Board, 209 Ninth street, Pittsburg, Pa., and all literature will be kept at headquarters.

Bills for Junior magazine were approved and ordered paid. The Junior Secretary reported three new life members. 3000 booklets on suggestions and rules for Juniors were ordered printed.

Foreign Secretary stated that reports from every department in Egypt and India had been received, also the estimates for India.

Finance Committee had a number of applications for loans, but there is no money to loan at this time in the year. Parsonage department has a good showing for the year, but is holding off applications for the present on account of close finances. Three hundred dollars was ordered paid out from Ministerial Relief.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the 1st church Allegheny has pledged $3000 to buy the land for "Rest Home" at Ramleh, Egypt, as a memorial for Miss Mary Herron.

Mrs. SAMUEL YOURD, Sec'y.

Sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving.

THANK-OFFERING TAKEN:

March, 1906 - -	$33,284.12
October, 1906 - -	$37,499,64
Total in eighteen months	$70,783.76
Egypt for the Sudan - -	$668.40

Praise Ye the Lord.

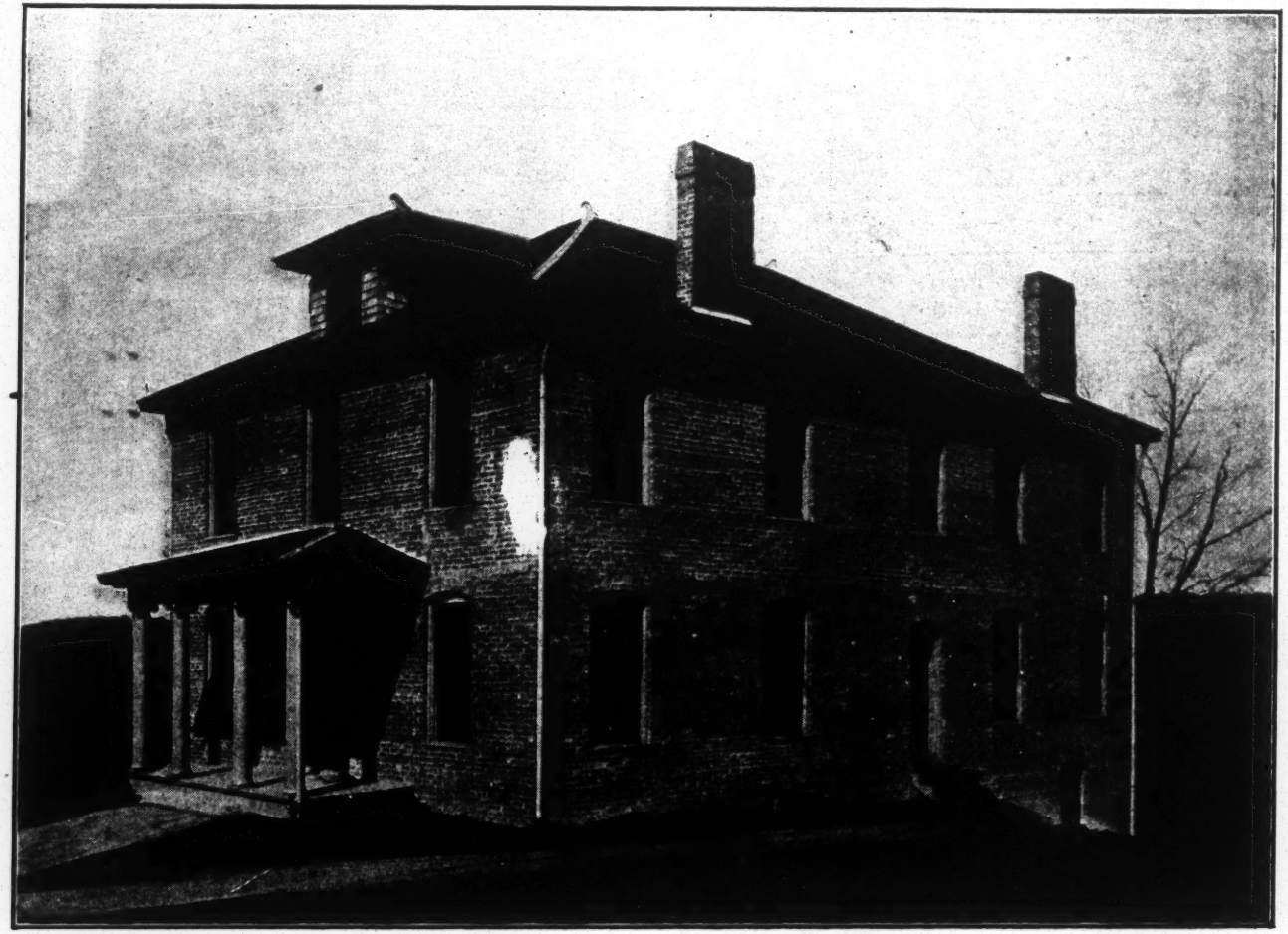
A Suitable Thank-offering for the

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Women's General Missionary Society is

$100,000.

This offering is to be taken October, 1907.

Lift up your eyes and behold the fields.



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